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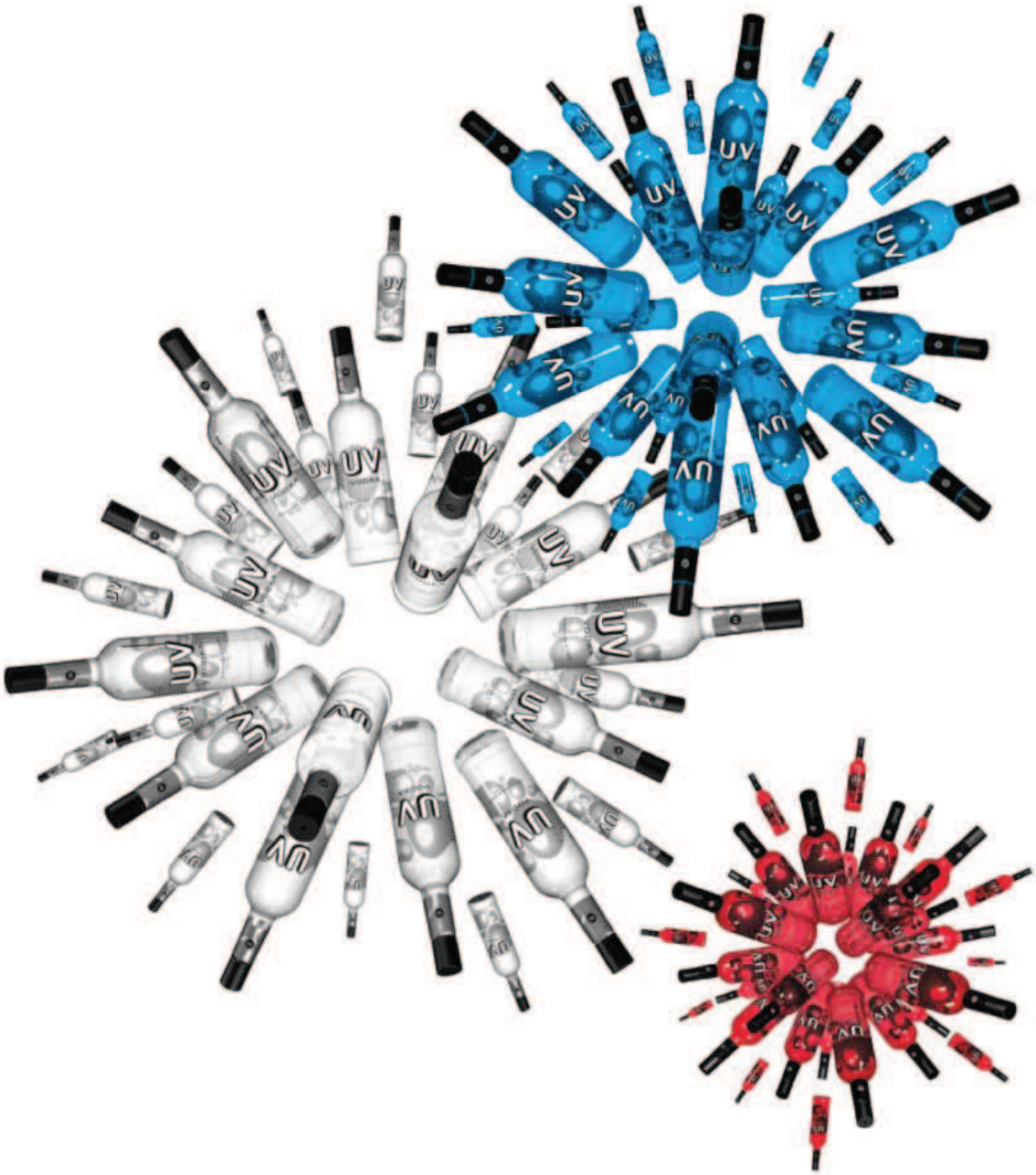

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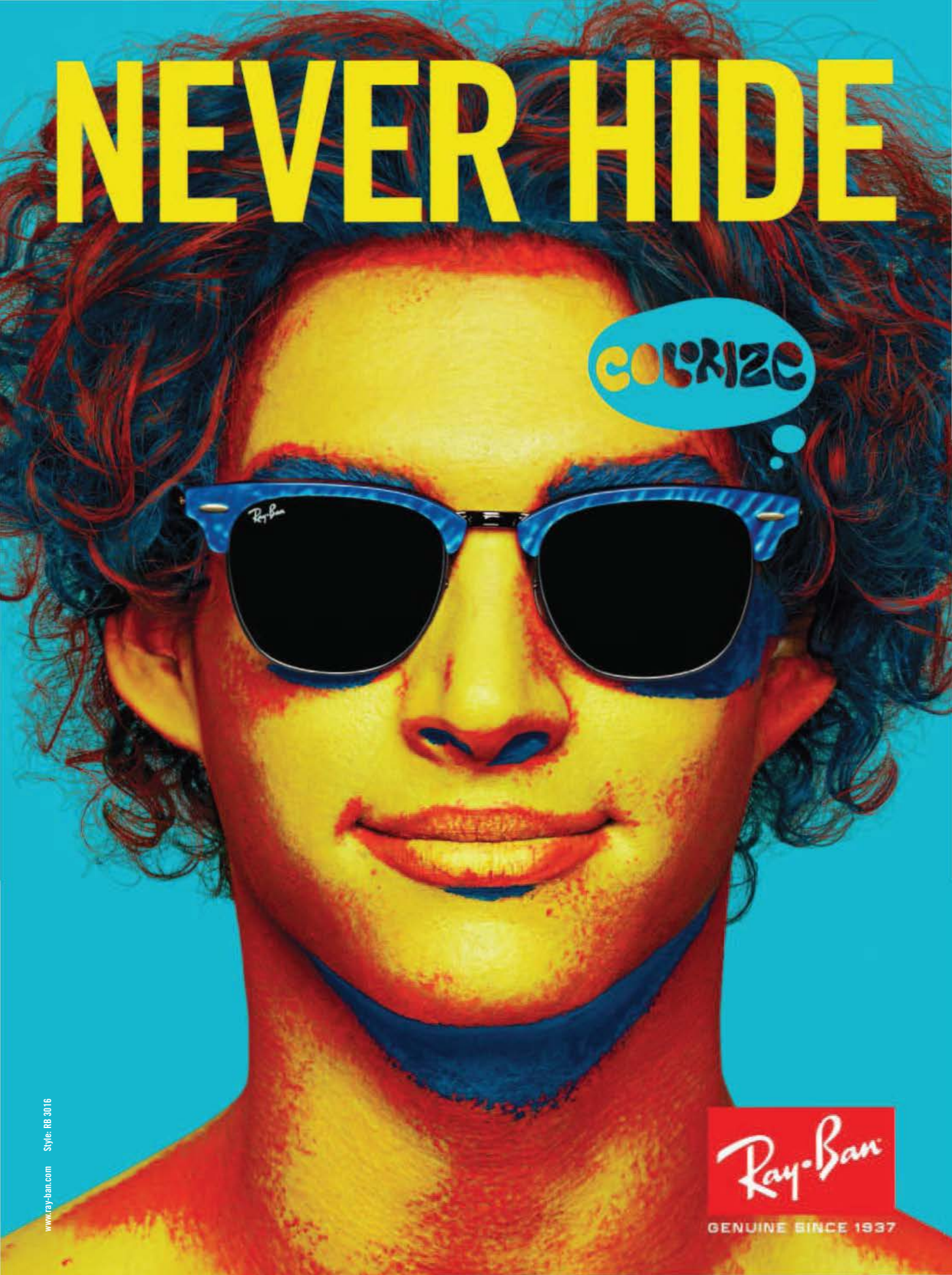
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ASK THE DATING GAMER

Our readers vex video game vixen and IGN host Jessica Chobot with their relationship quandaries.

Q: I have a serious commitment issue, and I never feel worthy of whomever I'm seeing. I haven't dated in probably three years. Any advice?—*Vexed in Vermont*

JESSICA: Fear is the mind-killer. You're afraid of failing and what that might entail. So with that understanding, let us look at what could happen if things did go south in a relationship: If you lost your girlfriend, you'd find a new one. Your internal, self-fulfilling prophecy is pushing you toward the one thing you're trying to avoid. Be like Nike and just do it!

Q: Would it be wise to try to hook up with my boss, or would it be totally awkward and terrible beyond belief? If you can help me out, I'll give you a fist bump—if that's still cool.—*Corporate Climber*

JESSICA: If this job is the end-all, be-all of your future employment, then definitely, 100 percent do not try and stick it in her. However, if you're shooting for bigger and brighter things, then your current job is only temporary. So by all means, 100 percent try to stick it in. Good luck to you, sir.

Q: It seems like guys always have to be delivering their best/cheesiest pickup lines in a constant parade of humiliation. So why do guys have to do all the work? —*A Frustrated Dater*

JESSICA: I don't know what you're talking about, guy. It's been my personal experience that almost all dudes are chickenshit when it comes to dating. In fact, with the exception of one or two guys, *I've* always been the one to pursue a relationship. Also, I'm often the one who makes the first move! So I ask you: What the heck is wrong with guys? Grow some man-meat under that johnson of yours, stand up, and ask that damn chick out!

Q: I recently slept with my friend's totally hot girlfriend after a party. I didn't instigate it, but I feel like a prick. Is this philandering worth continuing?—*Guilty Guss*

JESSICA: Dude. You are so effed.

Send your sad sex and dating questions to **maximaskjessica@gmail.com.**
You can see more of Jessica on IGN.com and Maxim.com.

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HBO-0-0, Snap!
Click over for a bracket battle for the ages between the lovely ladies of HBO's *Entourage*. Who will take take the crown as the hottest Turtle effer? You decide.

Smooth Criminals
Johnny Depp's John Dillinger in this month's *Public Enemies* isn't the only perp with a killer smile. Check out Maxim.com's rundown of the suavest scofflaws.

On Our Gaydar
Get your *culottes*! In honor of Sacha Baron Cohen's *Brüno*, Maxim.com celebrates the most unintentionally homoerotic moments in pop culture history.

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letters

Best thing to happen to hotel pillows since mints

Return to Bender

When you're not passed out, you're passing on some words of wisdom.

Loving It

I can't thank you enough for having Jennifer Love Hewitt on your cover again [May]. I've been a captivated fan for over 10 years. Here's hoping for even more JLH appearances in future issues.

Michael Mays via e-mail

We feel the same way, Michael. You just can't have too much JLH. And maybe you'd see more of her if a certain frisky staffer hadn't suggested she join "the party of five in my pants." Twice.

Science Friction

You guys are funnier than a midget fighting a monkey. So I hate to add to what is no doubt a growing pile of hate mail concerning your look at all things dork ["The Ultimate Geek Movies," May], but your list for the top intergalactic assholes was fine save that Lex Luthor, the Joker, and Magneto are all from Earth.

Patrick Wraith San Diego, CA

Good catch, Patrick! We'd write a much longer apology, but we're sure your mom is banging on the basement door with a bag of Funyuns and a list of chores.

Maidenhead Case

I am soon to marry the love of my life. I would do anything for my fiancé. He doesn't believe me, because I haven't always been the best significant other. But I want to prove that I'd do anything for him, with him, to him...You get the point. Any ideas? Please help, *Maxim*!

Julie Syracuse, NY

The best thing you can do for your fiancé is get him rich. We have an exclusive investment opportunity that we normally don't let people in on, but what the

heck, we're hopeless romantics! Send us your SSN and we'll get you set up. Ah, young love!

The Right to Broke Arms

While it is true that one has the legal right to use deadly force in certain circumstances [Ask *Maxim*, May], your testosterone-crazed readers should think twice before going Dirty Harry on local bad guys. While the perp may not go to jail, the other guy's family will most likely sue for the loss of their dearly departed thug. Six-figure judgments are not uncommon.

Jim Boren Tucson, AZ

Hmm, so can we sue that little kid who kicked us in the shins when we tried to steal his chocolate ice cream cone? Time to lawyer up, Timmy!

Army Wrong

I see you quoted Zulay Henao [My First Time, May] claiming she attended Army basic training at Ft. Bragg, N.C. There's been no basic training at Bragg since about 1970. So unless she was born in 1952 (which seems unlikely, judging by her hotness), something is amiss. Maybe she meant Ft. Jackson, S.C.? All those Southern states seem alike.

Seth Cincinnati, OH

We called Ft. Bragg, and they confirmed your suspicions, Seth. But when a woman as hot as Zulay tells us something, we don't ask no questions, which is why we routinely think the numbers chicks give us—like 1-900-Hot-BALZ—are real.

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Random Maxim.com feedback, presented totally out of context for your pleasure.

I have the perfect girl for the Hometown Hotties contest, and I would like to enter her. **Bradford Neumann**

Do not send us this magazine. These are individuals with mental retardation; they have no use for it. **Carmelita**

Hey, fellas, I was on a serious two-day bender and drank, like, 10,000 beers. Anyway, I'll write again tomorrow. Get back to me when you can. **Jeff Sporer**

MEN1000.com is the only Chinese online men's mag in Hong Kong. I would like to link exchange between *Maxim* and MEN1000. **Alex**

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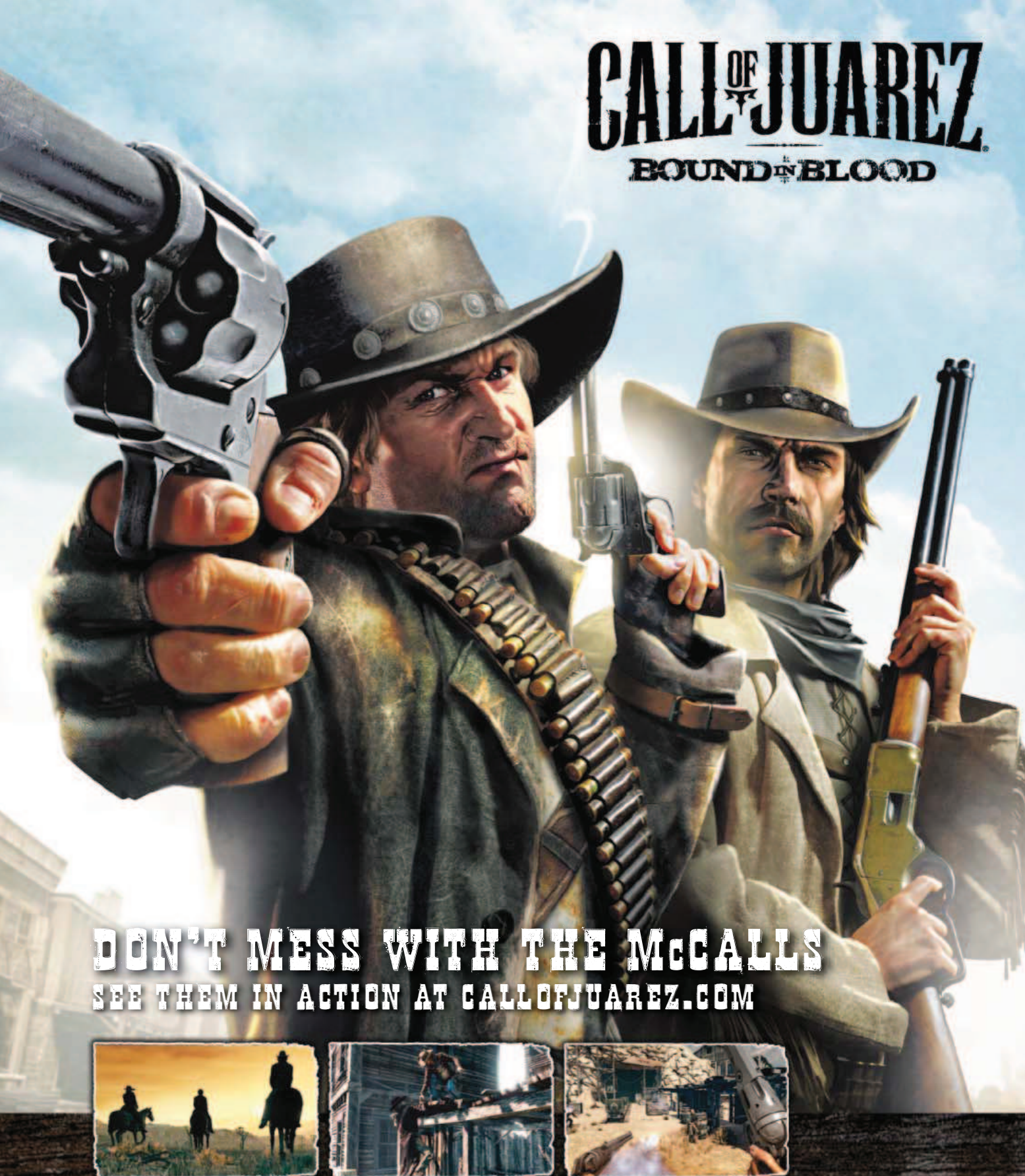

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Three guys walk into a restaurant. They sit down and all begin masturbating furiously. The waiter runs over and asks, horrified, "What the hell are you people doing?" One man replies, "We're starving, and the sign says FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!"

Bad Leak

A man wakes up next to his wife after a long night at the bar and asks, "Hey, have you changed anything in the house lately?"

"No," the wife replies. "Why do you ask?"

"Does our bathroom light come on when you open the door?"

Confused, the wife answers, "No, I don't think so."

"Shit. I pissed in the refrigerator again."

Chili Con Gross

A man walks into a seedy tavern and sees a customer staring sadly at a bowl of chili.

Bravely, the man asks the patron, "Mind if I take your bowl...if you're not hungry?"

"Sure thing," replies the patron.

The man starts eating until he reaches a dead mouse at the middle of the meal. He promptly throws up back into the bowl, whereupon the patron says, "Yeah, I stopped there, too."

Q & A's

Q: Why did the monkey go to jail?
A: He was running a chimponzi scheme.

Q: Why are the balls the saddest part of the male body?
A: They're sentenced to hang till death.

Q: What did the egg say to the pot of boiling water?
A: It might take me a while to get hard; I just got laid by that chick over there.

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Housing crisis knock-knock jokes!

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General Lee.
General Lee who?
General Lee I don't sell my body outside 7-Eleven, but I have a mortgage to pay.

KNOCK, KNOCK!
Who's there?
Doris.
Doris who?
Doris locked because the bank took my home.

KNOCK, KNOCK!
Who's there?
Olive.
Olive who?
Olive in a rail car now with a guy named "Harmonica."

Make Us Laugh, Funny Man

THIS MONTH: HANNIBAL BURESS

One knockdown-funny joke from a stand-up comic.

"I'm pretty sure the crack dealers in my neighborhood are working with the pawnshops—that would explain the 24-hour pawnshop. Regular people don't wake up at 4 A.M. like, 'I feel like selling my microwave!'"

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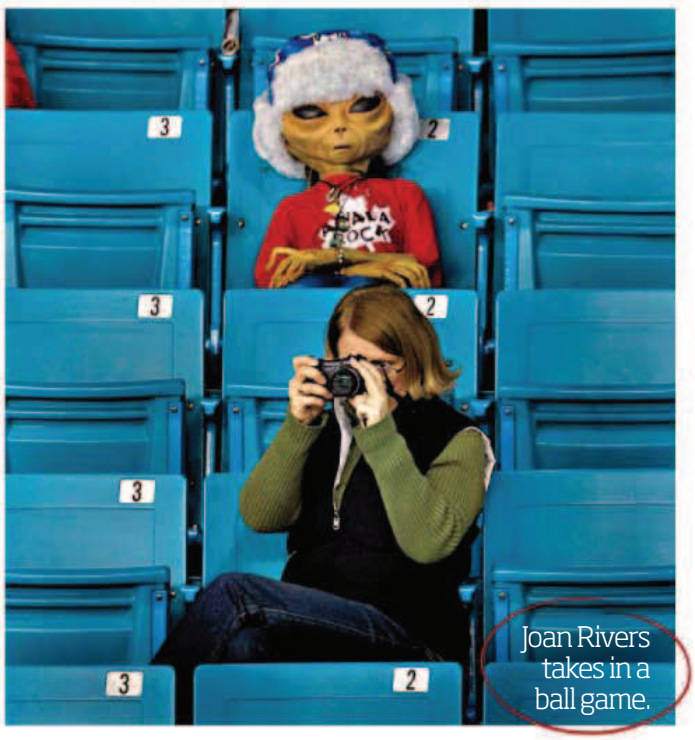

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2. Once we've had Charles the epileptic monkey select his favorites from the contenders, we'll choose the caption that blew our minds all over our faces and FedEx the lucky winner an amazingly cool prize—a waterproof MP3 player and equally water-resistant pair of headphones from Finis.
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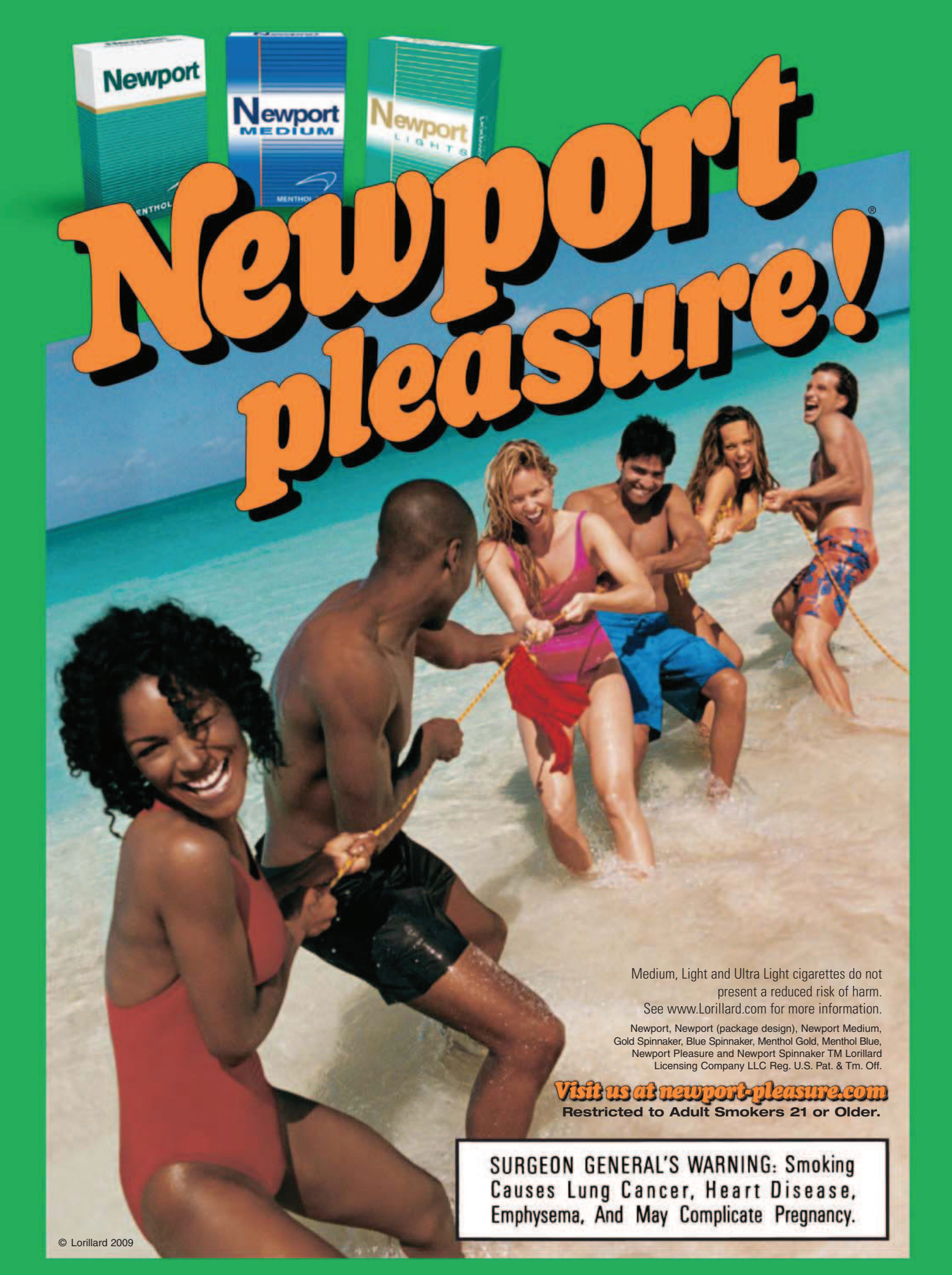
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MY FIRST TIME

Jessie James

Georgia stunner Jessie James is the smokingest thing to happen to country music since Willie Nelson rolled his first joint. The painfully purty 21-year-old, whose debut album is hitting shelves now, sings straight from her sexy heart; unlike many other young singers, this foxy former army brat writes her own tunes. So gather 'round, y'all, and listen in as she shares some of her biggest firsts.

First Romantic Indiscretion
I write my own music, and I don't write about anything that didn't really happen to me, so my new song "Guilty" is based on a true story. I was dating a rock star—I'm not allowed to say who—but he was on tour a lot, so I just assumed he was cheating. It made me feel not guilty about doing it myself, you know? I don't think he ever found out; he was too high on drugs.

First Kiss
It was on a golf course at 11 o'clock at night when I was 14. I took this boy, threw him up against a tree, and just kissed him. I told him no tongue, but then I was the one who stuck it to him. I felt so guilty afterward, I brushed my teeth and told my mom.

First Mooching Oscar Winner
Penélope Cruz sat next to me in the VIP room at a Jay-Z concert in L.A. I didn't really talk to her. I just sat there and stared because she's so beautiful. She talked to me, though, because I had a fried-fish basket and some water, and she kept asking, "Can I have a sip of your water? Can I have a piece of your fish?"

First Attempt at Identity Fraud
I've used the fact that there's another Jesse James [see page 86] to get into Mastro's Steakhouse in Beverly Hills. The big celebs get the good tables, so I'll have my best friend call and say, "Table for Jessie James." They think it's for Sandra Bullock's husband, but then I'll show up and be like, "Give me the table!"

Jessie James' self-titled debut is out now.

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Sexily Ever After

Harry Potter and the Rich Tradition of Hiding Deviant Agendas in So-Called Family-Friendly Literature!

Pay close attention to the wee wizard in the upcoming *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*. Some folks—literary critics and evangelical Christians with nothing better to do—say Harry is a secret homosexual. He did, after all, live in a closet and hang out with fairies. But Harry Potter isn't the only kid-lit character with something to hide. Read between the lines of these children's tales to discover that the moral of the story is to get your freak on.

1 **Where the Wild Things Are**
Immoral of the story: Furry love. Boy puts on a wolf costume, then goes cruising to party with other furries. Watch the fur fly!

2 **Hansel and Gretel**
Immoral of the story: Cannibalism. Old woman lures children to her home and fattens them up for her din-din. She could have done herself and the world a favor and just offed Andy Milonakis.

3 **The Hardy Boys**
Immoral of the story: Incest. Pirate coves weren't the only thing these two cads explored in the middle of the night!

4 **Sleeping Beauty**
Immoral of the story: Necrophilia. A chick "sleeps" for 100 years? Most medical professionals would call that "dead." Beauty wasn't the only thing that rose after the pervert prince planted a wet one on her.—*Laura Leu*

ASSES ON TV

Match the TV shill to his crime in the next five minutes and you'll get to read the next story absolutely free! (That's a $0 value!)

1. VINCE SHLOMI
Barker for Sham-Wow, the ultra-absorbent towel that somehow slurps up 12 times its weight in liquid!

2. BENJAMIN CURTIS
The Dell Dude. Be happy if you don't know what that means.

3. JARED FOGLE
The former fatso who inspired America to lose weight by eating horrible sandwiches.

A. Arrested and charged with criminal possession of marijuana.

B. Beat up a high-priced hooker after she allegedly tried to bite his tongue out of his mouth.

C. Rented discount pornography out of his bedroom in college (technically not illegal, but still yucky).
—*Lisa Freedman*

ANSWERS: 1.B, 2.A, 3.C

Ask a Hot Bartender

What's the best way to hit on a girl at the bar?
"Chat *me* up first," says Elizabeth Masucci (above) from the W Hotel in Hoboken, N.J. "Then buy *her* a drink. After a bit, head to the bathroom. Without fail the girl will ask me if you're cool. Be good to me and I'll help you close."

Hail the Pale Ales!

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If a gluttonous guest gets a brat lodged in his gullet, do the Heimlich: Reach around from behind. Make a fist above his navel with your dominant hand. Wrap other hand around it, tucking in your thumbs. Pull in and up with quick upward thrusts. Call 911.

5. Protect your neck.

We don't want to hear why you wore a deep V-neck tee (i.e., doucheneck) to a BBQ. We assume you borrowed it under duress. To avoid compounding the D-factor with a deep-V tan line, remove visor from head, place around neck, and over V. Phew!

6. Get fired up.

Avoid a lifetime of painting on your eyebrows by limiting your lighter fluid pour to three seconds for an average stack of coals. After tossing on the match, leave the blaze uncovered till the briquettes begin to gray. Now you're ready for the meat, man.

7. Slip 'n' die.

Here's how to reset a dislocated shoulder, post-Slip 'N Slide: With your workable hand, grab the now-lifeless forearm and ease it up and over your head, reaching toward the other shoulder, and it'll pop it back in. Now quit screaming and hit the E.R.

8. Finger-blasted.

When an M-80 blows off a finger, you already know the loose nub needs to be on ice fast. But to up your chances of having the nerves reattached, too, first wrap the chunk in a saline-soaked towel. The tissues and nerves should now survive six hours.

9. Jart jam.

When a lawn dart jabs into the neck meat of a guest, don't pull it out, no matter how freaky it looks or how loud the shrieks. Remember, this joy toy is now a plug. Send your annoying uncle with her in the ambulance. Next step: Call your attorney.

10. Can of whoop-ass.

Pounding beers in the sun *is* summer. But it dehydrates, which makes you pass out, allowing pals to draw sunblock penises on your face. Gulp lots of H_2O and eat protein (beans, burgers). This'll help you retain water and gives you something to barf.

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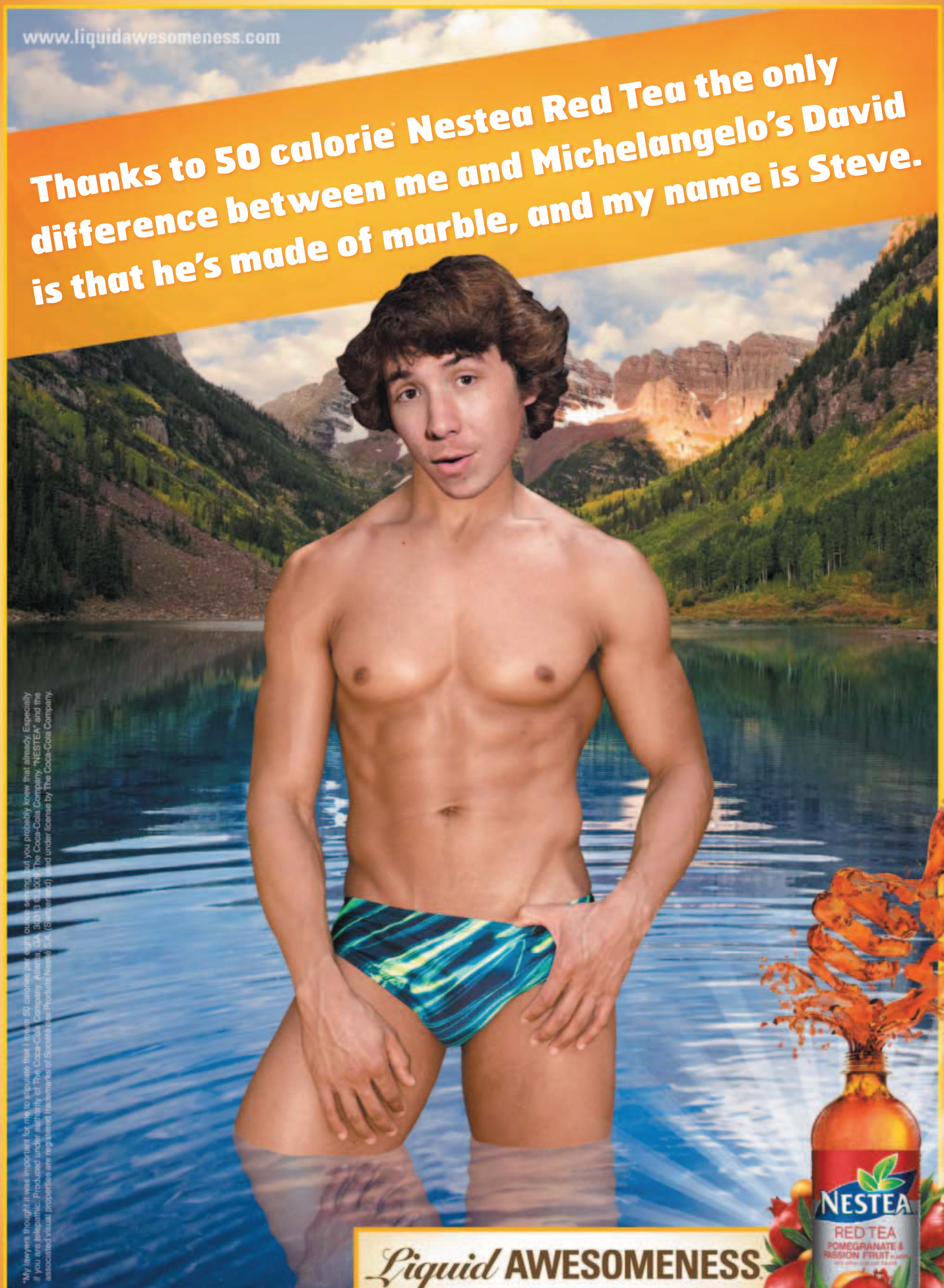
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"Yes, you can be scared to death," says Dr. Ilan S. Wittstein, a cardiologist at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Here's how: A typical response to fear is the release of adrenaline into the bloodstream. This forces the body to burn glucose for immediate energy and dilates blood vessels in your muscles, allowing for more blood and oxygen to flow. You're now primed to brawl...or run away like a Cub Scout from a NAMBLA convention. But besides boosting your brawn, that adrenaline surge can have long-term consequences. "Our bodies go through some degree of this process every day," says Wittstein. "Over a lifetime this can lead to high blood pressure and coronary artery disease, making it more likely that you could die from fright."

When your girlfriend presents tickets to *Sex and the City 2*, the scare can screw up the electrical impulses to a frail heart, throwing off its timing and sending you into fibrillation. Acute stress may lead to "broken heart syndrome," or, as we like to call it, "Jennifer Aniston disease" (rowr!). This is a sudden weakening of the myocardium (heart muscle) and can lead to total heart failure in the event of a severe emotional reaction. Nice knowing you, Dave!

What women hear when you talk about *Star Wars*

? What is the hardest language to learn?

Reggie Carlson, Grand Rapids, MI

Marshall Olds, head of the modern languages department at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, says there are three languages vying for the tongue-twisting throne: "Czech has very complex declensions–inflections that indicate important things such as singular versus plural. And Hungarian is totally unrelated to most languages on the European continent." As for Chinese? Forget it. "Hit the wrong tone on a word and you could say something completely different from what you intended," explains Olds. And that's why you got a foot massage instead of duck sauce last time you tried out your Chinese at the Wok 'n' Roll.

? What happens to the fat after liposuction?

Gordy Freemen, Tallahassee, FL

Waste not, want not–and that includes the thunder from your thighs. According to Dr. George Beraka, a cosmetic surgeon in New York City, docs try to make the most use of your cellulite before carting it off. In some patients the fat is injected into other parts of their bodies, like the lips or under the eyes. They'll even extract stem cells out of your blubber for medical research. Whatever is left over hits the inferno. Says Beraka, "The fat is sent to a regulated destination facility, where it's incinerated." We love the smell of rich-lady ass in the morning.

? I'm 18 and short. Am I oficially done growing?

Lance Vance, Hoboken, NJ

Time to retire those dreams of seeing above the counter at McDonald's, not-so-big guy. "Even though the growth plates in your bones may not completely shut down until age 24 or 25, don't expect much growth after your late teens," says Dr. Anthony Bray, a medical expert on JustAnswer.com. Your best bet is to pray for an Admiral-style spurt: David Robinson was 6'7" at the end of high school and 7'1" by age 24. If prayers don't work, we recommend walking with milk crates strapped to your feet. The ladies will hardly notice.

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Hot Right Now

Kelly Brook

This British bombshell has us crossing the pond in our pants!

Dear Kelly,

Cheers! (Yeah, we're American, but we speak fluent British.) Sometimes we look at the dollar bill and curse George Washington for leading our nation's separation from yours. Damn his stupid wooden teeth! But, Kelly, while an ocean and a desire for no taxation without representation may divide us, you are always in our thoughts. Hey, look, we just absently carved your name into our inner thigh with a penknife. Cute! But who can blame us for having a critical case of the Kellys, Kelly? Ever since you began modeling at age 16, your Brook-tastic bod has appeared in magazines, newspapers, and on TV—once as a judge on *Britain's Got Talent*. But no matter how many people forward us the link to that homely lady singing "I Dreamed a Dream," we refuse to watch, in protest of Simon kicking you off. The swine flu on him and his children and his children's children! Anyway, hope to see you at the beach soon. We'll be the ones building a mermaid sculpture of you in perfect, intimate detail. From memory.

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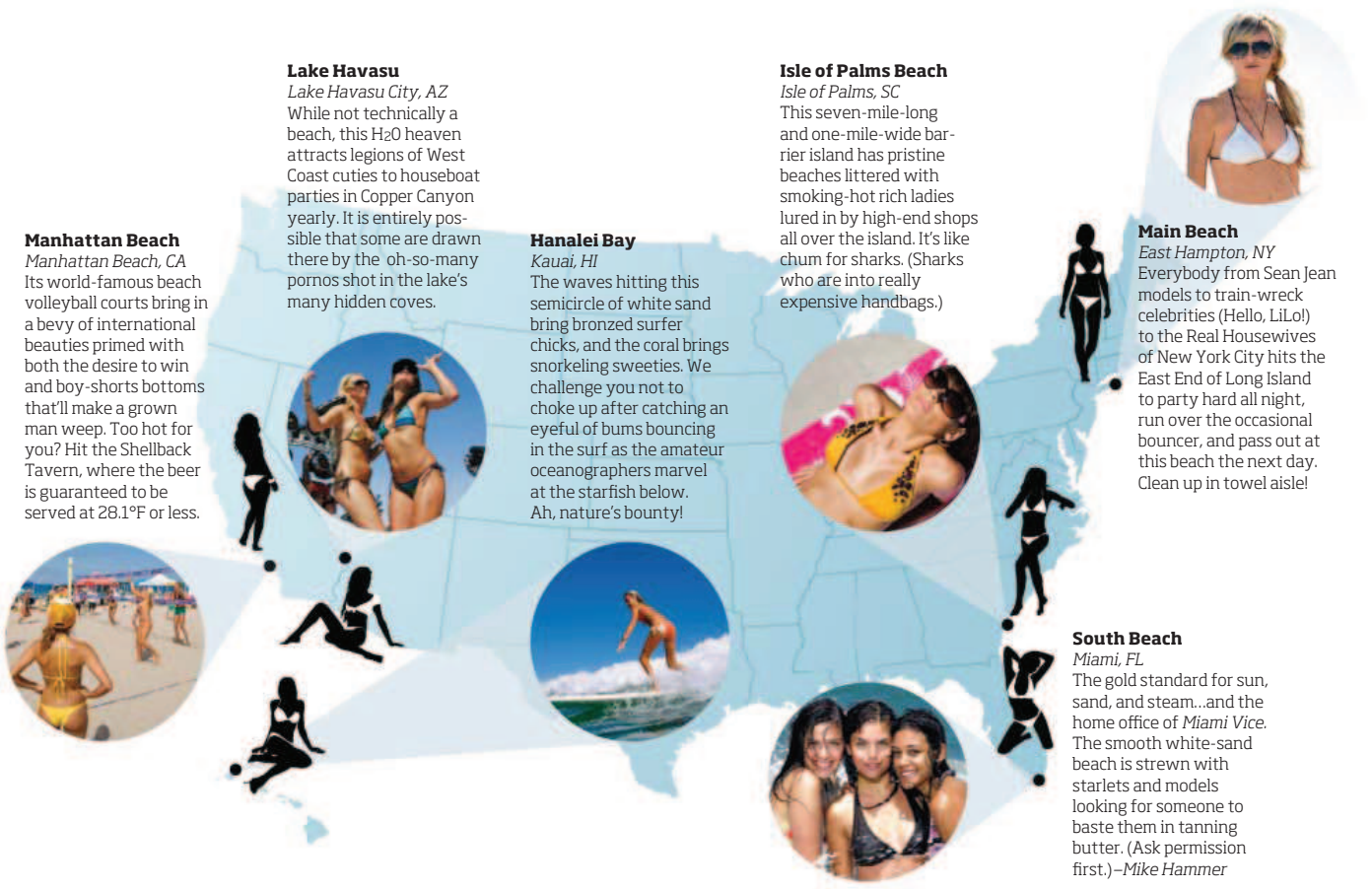

Manhattan Beach
Manhattan Beach, CA
Its world-famous beach volleyball courts bring in a bevy of international beauties primed with both the desire to win and boy-shorts bottoms that'll make a grown man weep. Too hot for you? Hit the Shellback Tavern, where the beer is guaranteed to be served at 28.1°F or less.

Lake Havasu
Lake Havasu City, AZ
While not technically a beach, this H_2O heaven attracts legions of West Coast cuties to houseboat parties in Copper Canyon yearly. It is entirely possible that some are drawn there by the oh-so-many pornos shot in the lake's many hidden coves.

Hanalei Bay
Kauai, HI
The waves hitting this semicircle of white sand bring bronzed surfer chicks, and the coral brings snorkeling sweeties. We challenge you not to choke up after catching an eyeful of bums bouncing in the surf as the amateur oceanographers marvel at the starfish below. Ah, nature's bounty!

Isle of Palms Beach
Isle of Palms, SC
This seven-mile-long and one-mile-wide barrier island has pristine beaches littered with smoking-hot rich ladies lured in by high-end shops all over the island. It's like chum for sharks. (Sharks who are into really expensive handbags.)

Main Beach
East Hampton, NY
Everybody from Sean Jean models to train-wreck celebrities (Hello, LiLo!) to the Real Housewives of New York City hits the East End of Long Island to party hard all night, run over the occasional bouncer, and pass out at this beach the next day. Clean up in towel aisle!

South Beach
Miami, FL
The gold standard for sun, sand, and steam...and the home office of *Miami Vice*. The smooth white-sand beach is strewn with starlets and models looking for someone to baste them in tanning butter. (Ask permission first.)–*Mike Hammer*

Book Beat

Upgrade your beach reading with these musical manuscripts.

1 I, Doll: Life and Death With the New York Dolls
By Arthur "Killer" Kane
The original bassist of the glam-punk rock pioneers chronicled their rise and glittery fall before his death in 2004. Fun *and* sad.

2 Heavy Rotation
Edited by Peter Terzian
Joshua Ferris and 19 other writers composed tributes to the albums that influenced their younger selves. Sadly, our essay on *The Fat Boys Are Back!* didn't make the cut.

3 Lowside of the Road: A Life of Tom Waits
By Barney Hoskyns
Rock-journo vet Hoskyns compiled this biography from his multiple interviews with Waits and the menthol-mouthed crooner's closest buds.

4 Mötley Crüe: A Visual History: 83-05
By Neil Zlozower
The first photo history of the hard-rocking and harder-drinking '80s hair-metal heroes features a foreword by Nikki Sixx and, happily, no dong shots of Tommy Lee.

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No, this is not merely an illusion: **The Society of American Magicians** is having its yearly convention July 15–18 in balmy Buffalo. It's BYOW: Bring your own wand. *magicsam.com*

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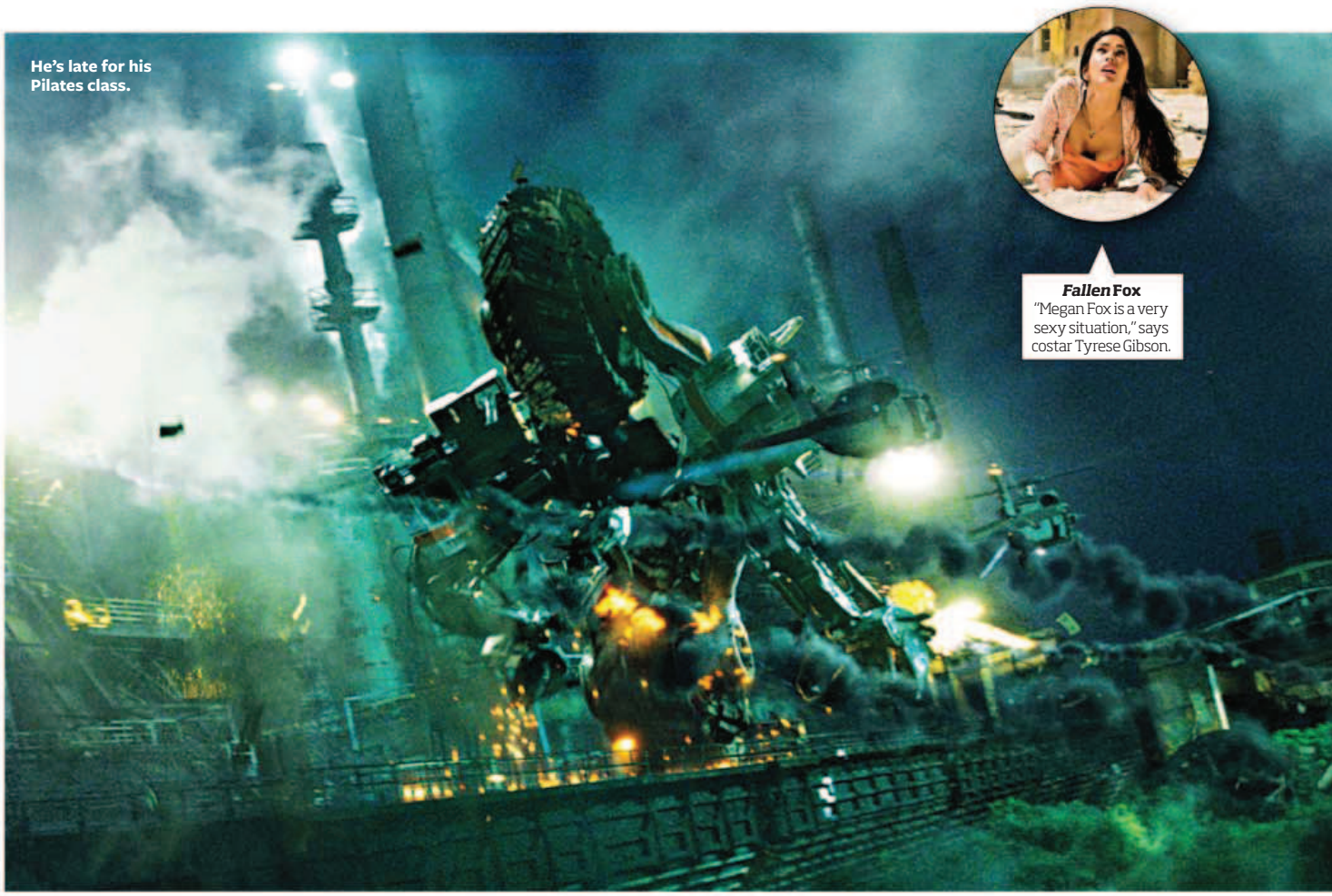

***Fallen* Fox**
"Megan Fox is a very sexy situation," says costar Tyrese Gibson.

Sequel, Roll Out!

Revenge of the Fallen is about to transform your summer.

Back in 2007 the box-office-obliterating *Transformers* had the perfect recipe for summer blockbuster success. Giant robots? Check. Ridiculous explosions? Check. Nonsensical story and an unbelievably hot female lead? Check times 12. So is it possible for *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen* to up the awesome ante from the first flick?

Destruction-happy director Michael Bay thinks it is. "Let's just say that this is the first movie in 40 years that got to shoot on the pyramids," he laughs. For anybody thinking that Hayden Christensen's 2008 bust, *Jumper*, beat Bay to the punch, the director calmly responds, "They got dog shit. We used Egyptian military helicopters to get shots not even *National Geographic* or IMAX could get." Well, that settles that.

If you forgot where the first *Transformers* left off, after the climactic battle Optimus Prime and the surviving Autobots joined a military team called NEST with master sergeant Robert Epps (Tyrese Gibson). "After I watched the first one, I cried. I'm dead serious," says Gibson. "With the sequel we had to take it to a whole new level." With the possible return of series villain Megatron, the arrival of a mysterious new enemy, the Fallen, and hordes of new Transformers both good and bad (like Jetfire, a crochety SR-71 Blackbird), the latest installment promises to do just that. "In the first movie we were really just scratching the surface," Bay assures us.

But some fans only care that there will be lots of slo-mo shots of Megan Fox again, right? Happily, she returns as Shia LaBeouf's girlfriend—and there should be plenty of superfluous scenes of her outrageous hotness. "Listen," says Gibson, "Megan is a very sexy situation." 'Nuff said. The big question then is: Will there be a third installment? Answers Bay, "I told the writers to do a script that wasn't a cliff-hanger and to pretend it's the last ever *Transformers* movie." Hmm...we still think there might be more to summer 2011 than meets the eye.—*Jesse Brukman*

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen hits theaters June 24.

"Dude, Juno looks *hot* in that pelt."

The Stoned Age

With *Year One*, Harold Ramis kicks it (very) old school.

The last time he read the Old Testament, Harold Ramis noticed something. "Everyone's going on journeys," the writer-director remembers. "In the Bible they're all going somewhere." *Year One* is Ramis' take on those journeys, a comedy that follows two hunter-gatherers, Zed (Jack Black) and Oh (Michael Cera), who've been cast out of their idyllic caveman community. A biblical yukfest makes comparisons to Mel Brooks' *History of the World: Part I* or Monty Python's *Life of Brian* inevitable, but Ramis upped the ante to create what he describes as his "great sandal-epic comedy." "I watched a lot of Cecil B. DeMille pictures," the man behind *Animal House*, *Caddyshack*, and *Ghostbusters* explains. As for working with Black and Cera, the experience was reinvigorating for Ramis. "It was great to reconnect with that kind of energy." And teaming up with producer Judd Apatow returned Ramis to a simpler, pre–*Groundhog Day* time when his work wasn't as loaded with meaning. "I'm not just about getting high and getting laid anymore, laughs the 64-year-old, "but this brought me back."—*Mike Olson*

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN POP CULTURE 3, 6 & 9 MONTHS FROM NOW

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Melrose Place
The CW is bringing back the crazy, this time with stars Ashlee Simpson-Wentz and Katie Cassidy.

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Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark
Let's see if Bono can save the world's worst idea: a Spider-Man musical.

9

The Expendables
Mickey Rourke, Dolph Lundgren, and Sly Stallone try to overthrow a dictator. Buy tix now.

Around the World in 80 Pranks

Brüno's path of mockumentary havoc.

Milan, Italy
Brüno, the *other* alter ego of *Borat* mastermind Sacha Baron Cohen and host of *Austrian Gay TV*, goes down the catwalk at the Agatha Ruiz de la Prada show. Sadly, his modeling debut is rudely interrupted by *la polizia*.

Birmingham, Alabama
After flashing his thong while posing as an officer candidate at the Alabama Military Academy, the flamboyant Austrian is immediately discharged.

Jerusalem, Israel
A retired Mossad agent sits for an interview with Brüno, who compares the Israeli-Palestinian conflict to the Angelina-Aniston tabloid feud. The former intelligence officer realizes the faux doc isn't kosher.

Fort Smith, Arkansas
Brüno invites locals to an event advertised as "Blue-Collar Brawlin'." When the old-fashioned scuffle turns into caged men in their undies groping each other, not even $1 beers can quell the homophobic, bloodthirsty crowd.

Washington, D.C.
Texas Republican Ron Paul is outraged when Brüno suggests they make a sex tape. Evidently, the libertarian congressman wanted more regulation in the reporter's pants.–*Jana Segal*

Brüno sashays into theaters on July 10.

The Checkup

Sorting through the cinematic heap.

	Every dork's fantasy	Depp in a non-Burton flick (thank God)	Funny hats warranted	Pubescent deals with his magic wand	Began as some weird thing called a "book"	Features age-appropriate girls	OUR TAKE
I Love You, Beth Cooper A dorky valedictorian admits his love for–and is taken on a wild ride by–Hayden Panettiere on graduation day.	✓			✓	✓		Woody Allen begat Jason Biggs who begat Paul Rust as the awkward-but-funny-so-gets-the-girl-anyway nebbish apparent.
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince Harry's back to fight evil with the aid of magic, whimsy, and a huge opening weekend.	✓		✓	✓	✓		This is where the Harry Potter books start getting really dark. We mean, um, not that we would know anything about that. Pass us a *Juggs*!
Public Enemies Johnny Depp plays notorious bank robber John Dillinger, and Christian Bale is the federal agent on his trail.		✓	✓		✓	✓	Awesome cast, Tommy guns, '30s gangster slang, and, finally, Depp doesn't play some weirdo who's always breaking out into song.

SET YOUR TIVO Check *The State*/*Stella* alums Michael Ian Black and Michael Showalter on ***Michael and Michael Have Issues.*** Typical lesson? Don't call your intern's dad "fuckhead." Begins July 15 on Comedy Central.

MUST RENT NOW The Blu-ray/DVD release of Mel Brooks' 1987 *Star Wars* spoof, ***Spaceballs,*** includes behind-the-movie photos and the featurette *Spaceballs: The Documentary*. May the Schwartz be with you!

GET IN THE GAME In ***Overlord II,*** PS3 gamers command hordes of minions, once again, to return an antihero to his rightful place as the semi-evil ruler of the land. This time expect battles of truly epic-dork proportions.

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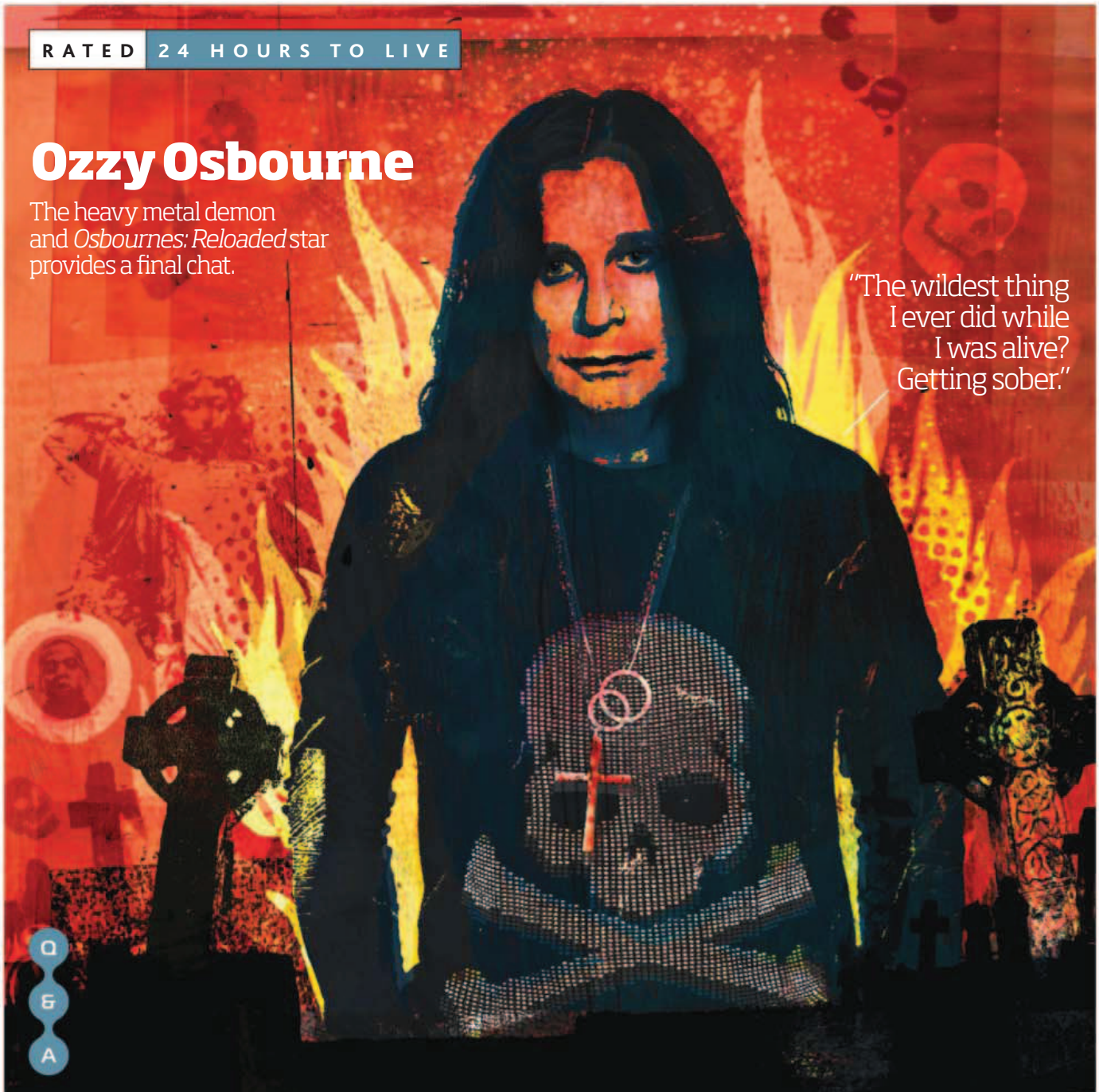
Ozzy Osbourne

The heavy metal demon and *Osbournes: Reloaded* star provides a final chat.



"The wildest thing I ever did while I was alive? Getting sober."

Q & A

You've lived on the edge your entire life. What finally does you in?
I suppose lack of breath is what will ultimately do me in.

You've envisioned hell pretty clearly in your music, so what do you think heaven might look like?
Like a warm pussy.

If you had actually planted any subliminal lyrics in your music, what would they have said?
"Your mother sniffs socks that smell."

Fox has recruited your family for a new variety show, *Osbournes: Reloaded*. What variety show from the past do you think plays over and over in hell?
No question. It would be *Donny & Marie*.

***The Osbournes* is the highest-rated series in MTV history. What about your family was so sinfully enjoyable ?**
It was "real" reality TV. Not like the scripted reality shows that are on now.

Was there anyone on Earth you wanted to punch in the face?
No, but there are plenty I would have liked to kick in the balls.

If you could be resurrected as any current musician, who would it be?
Probably Jay-Z, because at least I would be married to Beyoncé.

What's the wildest thing you did while you were alive? Biting the head off that bat?
Getting sober.

What's your proudest accomplishment?
Staying married to my wife.

What's the best advice you've ever given to your children?
Don't lie to me, because I'm the best friend you'll ever have.

Got any last words?
The treasure is buried...*cough, cough*...

Osbournes: Reloaded airs Tuesdays at 9 P.M. on Fox.

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"I *told* you not to order that Filet-O-Fish!"

Super Bad

Heroes take on Armageddon in the wild *Final Crisis*.

They've sent the Joker's laughing ass to Arkham Asylum more times than you can count, but can Batman, Superman, and the other superheroes of the DC Universe take on an enemy who has corrupted the fabric of reality itself? That's the doom-laden conundrum posed by *Final Crisis*, the new graphic novel by legendary *New X-Men* writer Grant Morrison and an art team led by *Wanted* cocreator J.G. Jones. The book sees the Justice League and friends face off against the evil god Darkseid, an outer-space Satan who falls to Earth and quickly turns the place into hell. "The basic idea was to have the DC superheroes up against the End Times," Morrison says. "I was looking at things like Ragnarok and the Book of Revelation and trying to do a modern version with superheroes." Imagine an unholy fusion of David Lynch, a summer blockbuster, and Pat Robertson, and you'll start to get the idea.

"Looking at the post-9/11 world, I thought there's a new type of hero: the posttraumatic one," says Morrison, an eccentric Scotsman known in comic circles as a psychedelic shaman. Bouncing between dozens of spandex-clad characters, Morrison pioneered a storytelling approach involving rapid cross-cutting between scenes. The result is tailor-made for fans of *Lost* and other dense experiences. "It was written to reflect the way we live our lives: It's random, it's bizarre, and weird things never get explained." Holy mindblower, Batman!—*Sean T. Collins*

The hardcover edition of *Final Crisis* is in stores now.

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MOS DEF
"Life in Marvelous Times"
The MC drops irony over volcanic beats.

MOBY
"Shot in the Back of the Head"
Dreamy rock belies its gangsta title.

BRAD PAISLEY
"Then"
A debutante-pretty country ballad.

HURRICANE CHRIS FEAT. SUPERSTARR
"Halle Berry (She's Fine)"
Rap dedicated to Berry's booty.

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"Graffiti Eyes"
Pixies-meet-Strokes New York grooves.

MARILYN MANSON
"We're From America"
Rage and a battering-ram sound for bedroom dancing.

CHALI 2NA
"Comin' Thru"
Fun rap from Jurassic 5's ex-frontman.

PETE YORN
"Shotgun"
The folk-rocker happily agitated.

EMINEM
"3 A.M."
Em's back and dismembering family members!

Music Reviews

For your aural satisfaction, here's what's dropping this month.

RATING:

Rob Thomas
Cradlesong
On his smash first solo disc, Thomas traded the meat-and-potatoes pop rock of his band Matchbox Twenty for a cheese platter: funk, soul, and Latin. Here he drifts closer to the middle of the road, accenting his bombastic choruses and uplifting ballads with tinny computer beats, soulful backup singers, and hints of new wave. Call it...*vivacious*. His lyrics, though, are bone-tired.

RATING:

Wilco
Wilco (The Album)
Certified mope Jeff Tweedy angled for certified genius with 2002's *Yankee Hotel Foxtrot*, an experimental take on Wilco's alt-country sound. The middle ground the band has worked since has never sounded better, with studio tricks magnifying the music's gorgeous details. Tweedy's still gloomy, but now with a wink: On "Wilco (The Song)" he asks, "Do you dabble in depression?"

RATING:

The Mars Volta
Octahedron
A likely reaction to the fifth Mars Volta album? "That free-jazz piano on 'Halo of Nembutals' blew my mind space!" Yet America's freakiest big rock band seem to be mellowing. Initiating their trademark ass-kicking sequences with scary ease, the collective now seem equally at home luxuriating in pastoral, if creepy, psychedelic excursions.—*Nick Catucci*

HOW TO:

Find Cash in the Crates

A buyer's guide to the next wave of bankable comics.

1 **Get hard:** Hardcover collections from the '90s are spiking in value, says Robert M. Overstreet, author of *The Overstreet Comic Book Price Guide*.

2 **Buy American:** Allied propaganda comics from the World Wars are solid investments. Cover art with Hitler or a gorilla (the kaiser in WWI) net more.

3 **Forecast films:** It's too late to cash in on *Iron Man*, says Overstreet. Keep an eye out for the next comic to go Hollywood (*Thor*, *Jonah Hex*) and buy.

HIT THIS TOUR
This summer the cannabis-loving buds Slightly Stoopid, Snoop Dogg, and Stephen Marley are proud to bring you **Blazed and Confused**, a truly dope concert event. The ganja goodness kicks off on July 10.

WATCH THIS FLICK
In **Humpday**, an under-the-radar bromance out July 10, two college pals accept a dare to star together in an amateur porn. When their hangovers set in, they must face the homoerotic music.

GET IN THE GAME
The first boxing game with Iron Mike Tyson in more than a decade, **Fight Night Round 4** features more than 45 real-life pugilists. Just like Muhammad Ali, this may be the greatest of all time.

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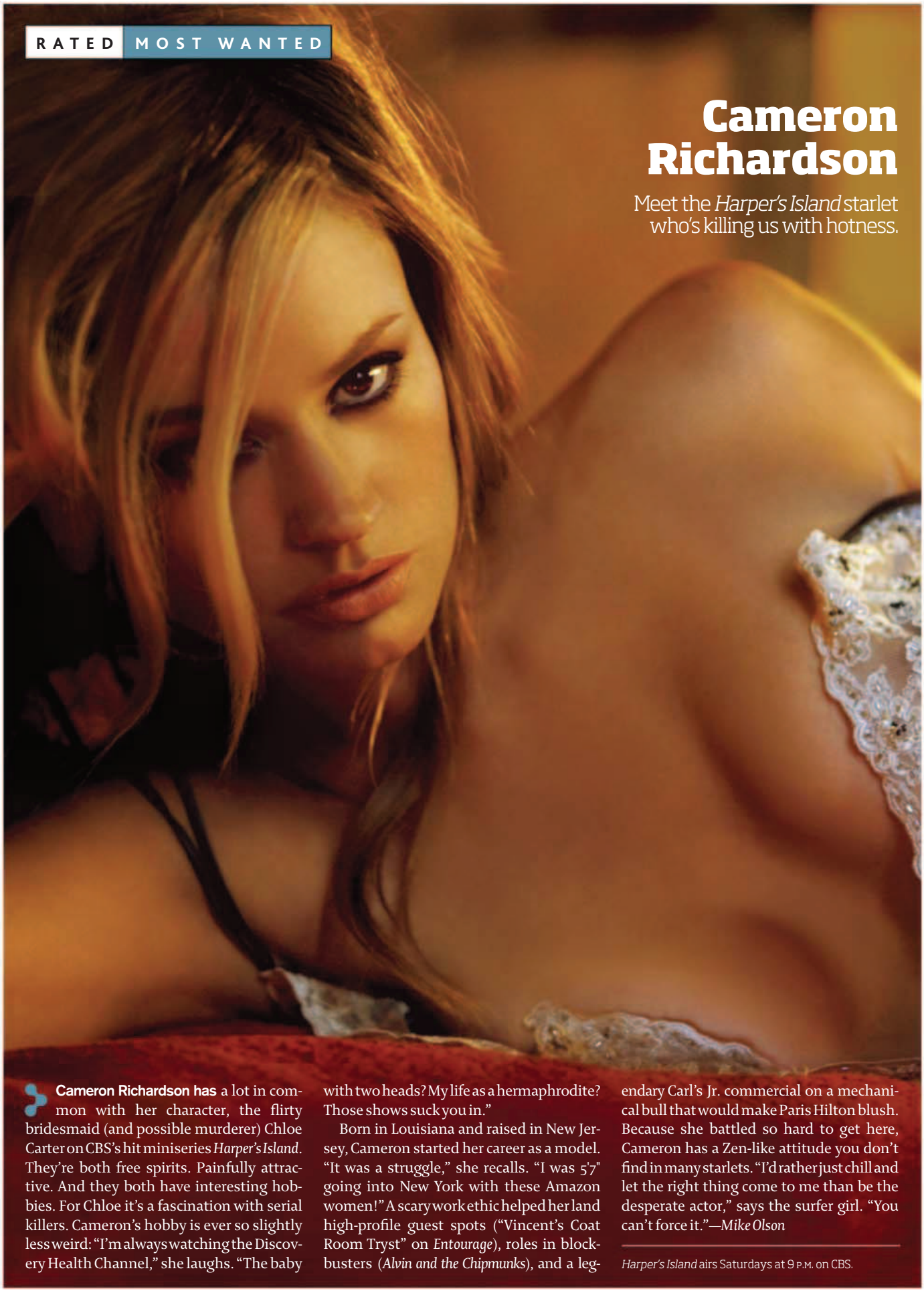

Cameron Richardson

Meet the *Harper's Island* starlet who's killing us with hotness.

Cameron Richardson has a lot in common with her character, the flirty bridesmaid (and possible murderer) Chloe Carter on CBS's hit miniseries *Harper's Island*. They're both free spirits. Painfully attractive. And they both have interesting hobbies. For Chloe it's a fascination with serial killers. Cameron's hobby is ever so slightly less weird: "I'm always watching the Discovery Health Channel," she laughs. "The baby with two heads? My life as a hermaphrodite? Those shows suck you in."

Born in Louisiana and raised in New Jersey, Cameron started her career as a model. "It was a struggle," she recalls. "I was 5'7" going into New York with these Amazon women!" A scary work ethic helped her land high-profile guest spots ("Vincent's Coat Room Tryst" on *Entourage*), roles in blockbusters (*Alvin and the Chipmunks*), and a legendary Carl's Jr. commercial on a mechanical bull that would make Paris Hilton blush. Because she battled so hard to get here, Cameron has a Zen-like attitude you don't find in many starlets. "I'd rather just chill and let the right thing come to me than be the desperate actor," says the surfer girl. "You can't force it."—*Mike Olson*

Harper's Island airs Saturdays at 9 P.M. on CBS.

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The SS's LS3 engine is borrowed from the 'Vette. Unlike with that car, a potbelly is not required to operate.

Old-school analog gauges measure oil pressure, transmission temperature, and mustache length.

'10 Camaro SS

SPEC CHECK
Price: from $30,995
Engine: 6.2-liter LS3 V-8
Horsepower: 426 at 5,900 rpm
0-60: 4.6 seconds
Top speed: 155 (elec. limited)
Mileage: 24 highway/16 city

The Look
A knockout. The Camaro SS's predatory, high-haunched design is even more menacing in the wild than in the new *Transformers*. The look is all-out aggro, from its gill slits to the halo headlights to the wide, low stance courtesy of 20-inch wheels pushed to the corners. We drove it in black, and the stealthy modern ride went mostly unnoticed; in red, we had to beat the crowds away with a spiked bat.

The Muscle
Suitably Ahnoldian. Turn the key and the beast's low-revving pushrod V-8 rumbles to life, telegraphing the potential of 426 horses through its chunky short-throw shifter straight to your nervous system. Open 'er up and you'll mow through the Tremec manual tranny's six gears and find yourself in triple digits in a blink. The brakes? They're massive 14-inch Brembos. And we barely used 'em.

The Drive
The high beltline creates gun-turret-like visibility, and its rock-hard suspension proved the enemy of N.Y.C. potholes (and a full Starbucks in the console). So we ditched the city and hit this brute's natural habitat: a desolate stretch of Long Island asphalt. Traction control off, dump the clutch with the rpm's way up and... we've laid a patch of rubber visible from space! Thanks, Google Earth!

PHOTOGRAPHS, MARIUS BUGGE (WOMEN, DOG)

Chick Magnets

Camaro or Mustang? The women of N.Y.C. take their pick.

"I prefer the Camaro. I had a '75 and a '77, and I can fix them myself. And, no, I wouldn't let you pick me up in one." **Tuva, 29**

"The Camaro looks classier. But red's pretty arrogant. And I'd really prefer if it were a Bentley." **Hannah, 22**

"This Camaro's hot. But if the V-6 version guzzles less gas, that's even hotter." **Davina, 31**

American Beauties

The return of the muscle car.

Before there was TARP, there was torque. Before the bailout, there were smoky burnouts. And before your grandma started yammering about the electric car she saw on *60 Minutes*, there was a resurgence of smart, modern muscle cars under way. Now the revival is complete, as Chevy's Camaro returns to life after an eight-year absence, joining the heavily reworked Ford Mustang in the 'Merican muscle car mano a mano of 2010 (RIP, Pontiac Trans Am!). Funnily enough, the good folks at Chevy and Ford actually agreed to toss us the keys to these V-8 babies to put the ponies through their paces (and see which one the ladies prefer). So join us in a mullet-free test drive of two of the finest muscle cars on the road. Let the skid marks begin!—JESSE WILL

Attract women with the shiny aluminum dash; hypnotize them with color-changing mood lights.

The Mustang gets a horsepower boost from an induction system that pumps in cold, oxygen-rich air.

'10 Mustang GT

SPEC CHECK
Price: from $27,995
Engine: 4.6-liter V-8
Horsepower: 315 at 6,000 rpm
0-60: 5.0 seconds
Top speed: 145 (elec. limited)
Mileage: 24 highway/16 city

The Look
Think you've seen this one before? Look closer. In its first redesign since the retro-futurist Mustang debuted in 2004, the car gets all-new sheet metal, save for the roof, with bulked-up shoulders, a more sharply creased beltline, crisp throwback taillights, and a bigger, ahem, bulge in the hood. It's the best new-look 'Stang yet. Sadly, our test driver in "sunset gold" attracted more fanboys than girls.

The Muscle
In a battle of brawn, it's no contest: The Camaro SS outmuscles the GT by over 100 horses. But Ford narrows the performance gap by coming in 300 pounds lighter. And tied to the GT's five-speed, the 4.6-liter V-8 provides enough power to fry the car's Pirellis. But the best part of a 'Stang is its roar—and for 2010 an "induction sound tube" literally pipes the signature snarl straight into the cabin.

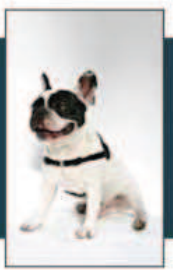
The Drive
We put hundreds of miles on the GT in both the switchbacks of Marin County, California and the concrete canyons of Manhattan and found that while it may not have the flash of the Camaro SS or the power (yet), this Mustang GT offers a drive that's just as—if not more—engaging, with plenty of feedback at the wheel, rail-like handling, and better sight lines.

"Both are classics, but the Camaro is sexier, hands down. I might stop for you if you were driving this."
Cindy, 28

"Ze Mustang? This one? Would I drive with you? Oui."
Sarah V., 18

"The Mustang looks more defined. The Camaro's too over-the-top."
Sarah W., 20

Subject sniffs the Mustang's tires.
Mr. Dubbs, 3



Hype Machines

These high-tech golf gadgets promise to make your game suck a little less. But do they deliver?

The Hyper Range Finder
Hype: The 5x-magnification Tour V2 Slope Edition calculates the exact distance to the flag, while an "inclinometer" factors in elevation.
Reality: Testers found it easy and fun to use—when the pin was in sight. Which isn't always the case.
Score: Par
$432 *bushnellgolf.com*

The Grip-Perfecting Glove
Hype: Four sensors provide audio feedback on how tightly the club is held, promising to help you cultivate a relaxed grip for accuracy.
Reality: Surprisingly helpful. One tester: "I didn't think I needed a robot telling me to keep loose. I guess I did."
Score: Par
$89 *sensoglove.com*

The Ball-Finding Glasses
Hype: These blue-tinted shades claim to up the contrast between foliage and your Titleist so you can find it in the woods. Or anywhere else you would like to see more balls.
Reality: Testers complained that "everything white stands out."
Score: Bogey
$40 *hammacher.com*

The Know-It-All Caddy
Hype: Preloaded with over 7,500 U.S. course maps, the Garmin Approach G5 GPS gives a bird's-eye view of each hole. Garmin says it'll inspire confidence by displaying yardage to any fairway or green.
Reality: It works. But testers lamented a lack of "live cart-girl tracking."
Score: Par
$500 *garmin.com*

The Laser Putter
Hype: Three lasers extend from this training tool's face to target the cup and improve your muscle memory for Terminator-style putting.
Reality: Shockingly, our testers actually found the putter useful for correcting errant backswings.
Rating: Birdie. It's got freaking lasers!
$69 *argonputter.com*

The Distance-Improving Driver
Hype: The PowerBilt Air Force One boasts an ultrathin face, backed up by a chamber filled with pressurized nitrogen. PowerBilt claims this allows slower swingers to compress its face on impact like the pros for longer drives.
Reality: Our trio of testers? Not a Happy Gilmore among them, but for two of them, dead-on hits were followed by straight, long blasts that couldn't be matched by our control driver. And one tester called the Air Force One's sound "immensely satisfying."
Rating: Birdie
$400 *powerbilt.com*

GUIDE

BIRDIE: Exceeded huge expectations.

PAR: Met huge expectations.

BOGEY: Fell short of huge expectations.

THE TOUGHEST SHOT IN GOLF

Sink the Three-Foot Putt!

Sandra Gal, the sexiest player on the LPGA, tells how.

Visualize it.
The more you see what you want the ball to do, the more it's going to happen. I visualize how the ball is going to go in. I see the ball rolling in the cup, and that's how I determine how much break to take.

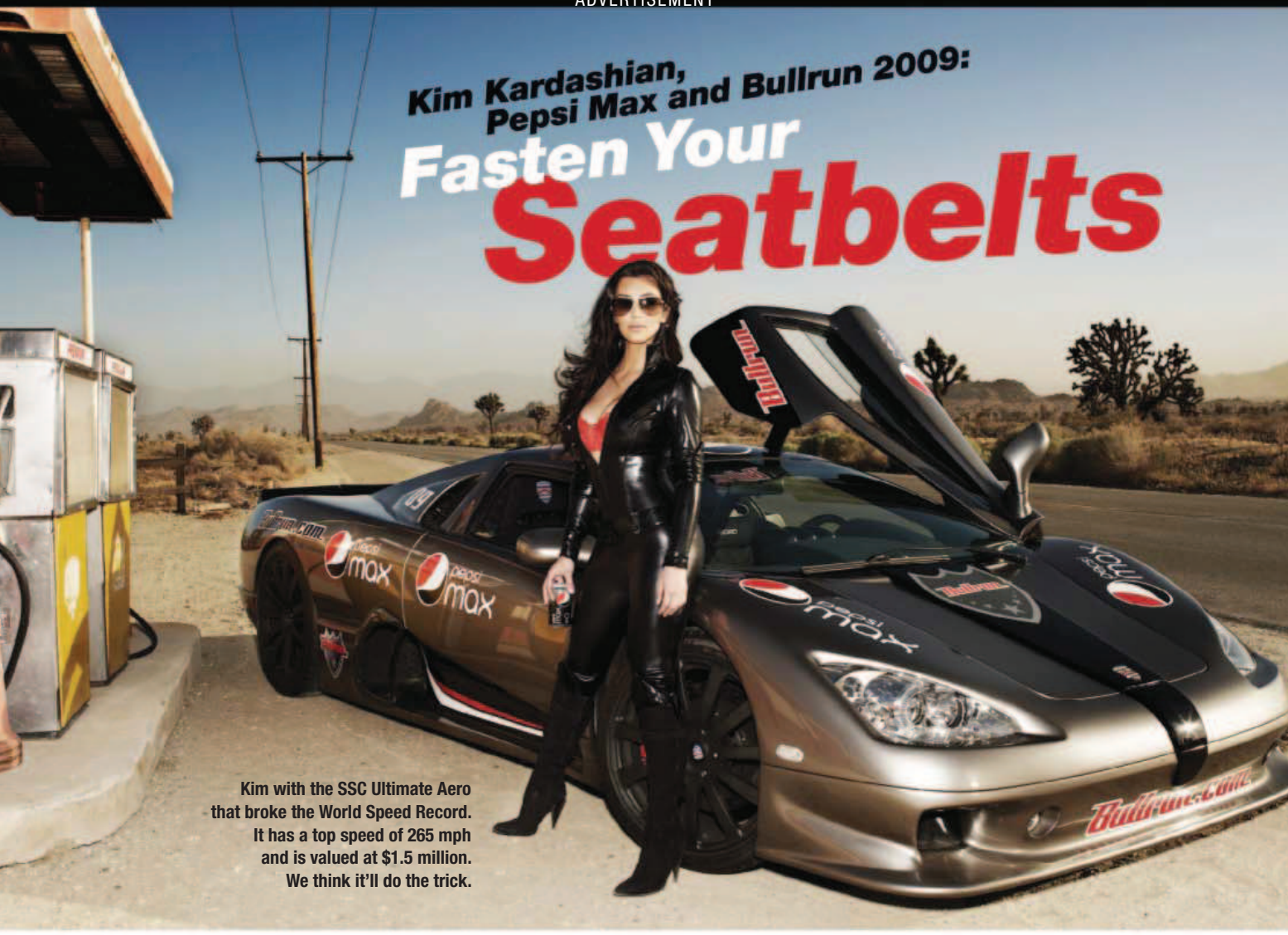
Mark it.
Pick a spot halfway between the cup and the ball. Aim toward that intermediate target.

Rip it.
Keep your grip loose, and as soon as your eyes go back to the ball, just hit it. Nothing good comes from overthinking things.

HIT THIS BALL Bridgestone won't tell you this, but their **B330-RX** golf ball is great for guys who suck. Its soft center and firm edge allows players with sub-105 mph swing speeds (us) to drive up to 10 extra yards.

PLAY THIS COURSE As if you needed another reason to visit French Lick, Indiana: Its new **Pete Dye Course**, at a beastly 8,100 yards, is the year's hottest tee time. Play before the PGA Championship hits in 2010. *frenchlick.com*

DRIVE THIS CART Be the most fearsome dude in your foursome by cruising the paths in a **Hummer golf cart** with 10-inch rims. And it's battery-powered, so your pals can't razz you about fuel economy. *badassgolfcarts.com*



Kim Kardashian, Pepsi Max and Bullrun 2009:

Fasten Your Seatbelts

Kim with the SSC Ultimate Aero that broke the World Speed Record. It has a top speed of 265 mph and is valued at $1.5 million. We think it'll do the trick.

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Tricked-out cars, legendary parties, and A-list celebs: It's time for Bullrun 2009. Tune in July 10-17 to the Most Glamorous Rally in the World.

Bullrun

What's hotter than a gorgeous girl in a fast car? As Kim Kardashian so ably demonstrates, nothing. We talked to her recently about her starring role in the upcoming Bullrun rally. Buckle in—it's going to be a wild ride!

What was your first car? Do you have any funny stories from learning how to drive? My first car was a white BMW 318. I had to sign a contract with my dad that I would wash it once a week, take care of it, and be responsible for any accidents. Of course I did crash it and was responsible for paying for it. I had to get my first job!

Who would your perfect Bullrun co-driver be and why? My perfect Bullrun co-driver would be my stepdad Bruce because he used to be a racecar driver, so I feel safe with him! He talks a lot, so he would keep me entertained.

Bullrun is 3,000 miles, seven days, seven cities, and seven parties. Which event are you looking forward to the most? I'm looking forward to pulling up to the huge launch party in the Pepsi Max car on July 10 in Manhattan.

What would be your dream car to drive in Bullrun? My first-choice dream car would be the SSC Ultimate Aero—it's the fastest in the world!

What are your road-trip essentials? A navigation system so I don't get lost, my iPod so we can turn up the music and drive fast, and Pepsi Max for when I'm thirsty!

Bullrun is all about speed. Have you ever gotten pulled over for speeding? Once in high school, I was speeding and ran two stop signs. I got three tickets—one for each stop sign and one for speeding. Not fair!

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Grill on Grill Action

Gas or charcoal? Smoke or fire? BBQing is a particular passion, and each backyard chef worth a smoked butt has a strong opinion on the best tool for the job. Luckily, there are more types of grills out there than ever. We littered the *Maxim* backyard with only the most buzz-worthy and grilled ass-tons of meat so we could size 'em up for you. Urp! *–Stan Horaczek*

THE HIGH-TECH CHEF

Blue Ember 650 iQue, $899

The iQue's glowing LCD screen provides live feedback on temperature and fuel use—welcome to the future of grilling! Propane flow to the four 14,000 BTU burners is controlled electronically, so you can set the temp just like you would an oven. **WHAT'S HOT:** Cooking burgers and a thick porterhouse at the same time, thanks to a 650-square-inch cooking area split into two zones. **WHAT'S NOT:** Consulting the manual every five minutes, even after weeks of use, to figure out what each button does. *blueemberique.com*

THE COAL-FIRED CLASSIC

Char-Broil CB940X, $430

Championed by "back to basics" grilling blowhards, this heavy-duty charcoal throwback is the stone-age yin to the iQue's techy yang. At 188 pounds it's as heavy as a truckload of hibachis, but its heft allows it to hold heat better than any other cooker we tested. Nonstick, preseasoned cast-iron grates make up the 540-square-inch cooking surface. **WHAT'S HOT:** An oversize front access door makes it easy to add coals when slow-cooking—and allowed us to tend to the fire without sacrificing our arm hair. **WHAT'S NOT:** It's easy to move around when set up, but getting the beast assembled is a two-man job. *charbroil.com*

The Dr.'s Dry Rub

Mix a batch of the only BBQ seasoning you'll ever need.

- ½ cup salt
- ½ cup sugar in the raw (turbinado sugar)
- ¼ cup granulated brown sugar
- 1 Tbs. granulated garlic
- 1 Tbs. granulated onion
- 2 Tbs. paprika
- 2 Tbs. chili powder
- 2 Tbs. black pepper
- 2 tsp. cayenne
- 1 Tbs. thyme leaves
- 1 Tbs. ground cumin
- 1 tsp. ground nutmeg

Combine all ingredients, mix well, and store in an airtight container. Yields one and a half cups.

"With a good rub, you don't even need BBQ sauce. Sauce covers up the taste of meat; a good dry rub enhances it. The instructions here are for a basic rub; put it on pork, chicken, or beef. Use a lot—if you watch the pros, they really go to town. And once you take the spices to the meat, let it sit. You gotta let 'em get to know each other." *Ray Lampe, a.k.a. Dr. BBQ, is the executive chef at Southern Hospitality, N.Y.C.*

WEAR THESE GRILLZ What's a BBQ without some ice to keep things cool? Give your grin a bling job with **Fullness & Fifty Four Points faux diamond-covered teeth.** *$30, icedoutgear.com*

WATCH THEM EAT Chestnut or Kobayashi? Whoever wins the **Nathan's Famous Fourth of July Hot Dog Eating Contest** (noon, ESPN) will consume nearly 20,000 calories and burn approximately 5,000 in the process.

WEAR THIS MITT Billed as the "Maserati of mitts," the 16.75-inch **Arlo Mitt by Built NY** is made of neoprene that's heat-resistant to 500°F. We'll be wearing it as we hand-launch bottle rockets. *$18, builtny.com*

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Grill Like a Geek Three essential tools for the gadget-obsessed meathead.

The Talking Remote Thermometer
Spear your meat with the probe, pick a temp, and this gizmo will tell you when your goose is cooked in five languages. *$60, oregonscientific.com*

The Light-Up Tong
The Lumatong's handle-mounted LED lights pierce back-porch blackness and stop nocturnal creatures in their tracks...so you can capture and grill them. *$25, amazon.com*

The Gun Lighter
The 14-inch Shoot-and-Cook lighter will kick off your BBQ with a sense of pageantry and bombast. Later it'll help you fend off hungry neighbors. *$10, bassproshops.com*

THE SEXY SEARER
Fuego Element 03, $399

Designed by Robert Brunner (of Amazon Kindle fame), this unit hides a propane tank cranking out 24,000 BTUs, powerful enough to get its 20-inch circular cast-iron cooking surface hellishly hot. A roasting lid is included to provide indirect heat. **WHAT'S HOT:** Doubles as outdoor sculpture. **WHAT'S NOT:** It's easily stolen. Chaining this sucker down is a must. *elementbyfuego.com*

THE SERIOUS SMOKER
Weber 18.5-inch Smokey Mountain Cooker, $349

Load up the "bullet" with up to 200 lumps of charcoal and its four vents immediately start sucking in air and pushing out delicious smoke. After eight hours we had the tenderest and most flavorful meat in our test. **WHAT'S HOT:** An oversize water reservoir allows for a neurotic level of temp control. **WHAT'S NOT:** The door is unhinged, so you could drop a hot piece of metal on your foot. *weber.com*

BEST BUY

THE GAME DAY GRILL
O-Grill 3000, $175

In each of six flashy colors, the gas-fueled O-Grill looks like the love child of a piece of Ikea furniture and a Skittle. We found this cool little cooker adept at charring flesh. **WHAT'S HOT:** Its 9,450 BTU burner heats up fast and cools down quickly, so you won't worry about BBQing the inside of your car's trunk. **WHAT'S NOT:** No built-in thermometer. *amazon.com/grilling*

Touch It! Let your thumb tell you when the steak is done.

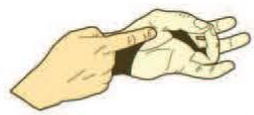
"The most important thing I try to get people to do is touch their meat," says Dr. BBQ. "By comparing the steak's tenderness to the soft part of your thumb as you touch each finger to the tip of your thumb, you can tell how done it is," he says. Confused? Follow us:

Index finger: rare

1 The base of your thumb should feel spongy and soft. Steak temp: about 140°F.

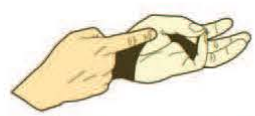
Middle finger: med.-rare

2 Your fleshy thumb pad has a little less give. Steak temp: about 145°F.



Ring finger: med.-well

3 Even firmer! Mmm, that thumb's looking good, huh? Steak temp: 160°F.



Pinkie: well-done

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BY HOLLY EAGLESON

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Riding Out the Recession

The market may have gone bust, but your sex life is about to go boom.

The first quarter of 2009 was one of the worst on record for car dealers, airlines, retailers, and Brooke*, 24, a paralegal in Texas. In January she and her boyfriend called it quits. In February she was pink-slipped. And in March she was forced to move out of the apartment she could no longer afford. So when a friend in Austin invited her to the city's annual music festival that month, she had a natural response: "I was like, 'Fuck it—I need to get laid!' and hopped in my car," she says. Less than 24 hours later, she made good on her mission: "I saw a drummer onstage and said 'I want *that*.' After his set I weaseled next to him in line for the bathroom, and he came in with me just long enough to slip a hand up my skirt, push my panties aside, and do me from behind." Over the next few days, a tour manager followed ("in his hotel suite Jacuzzi"), as did a local bartender ("in his stock room—so dirty"). And so began Brooke's new career as a full-time sex goddess.

If you're looking for the upside of the economic downturn, here it is: Women are horny as hell. You'd think that living in perpetual dread of being laid off would make our libidos shrink like our 401(k)s. Paradoxically, though, this acute anxiety may have the opposite effect. "Fear elevates dopamine levels," says biological anthropologist Helen Fisher, Ph.D. "For some people, going through a traumatic experience can actually stimulate their sex drives." Circumstantial evidence backing up that claim: Condom sales ballooned by five percent at the end of last year. There's even been a spike in online sex ads. Postings in Craigslist's "casual encounters" leaped from 1.4 million in October 2007 to 3.1 million in October 2008. A typical one from a female poster: "Down in the dumps during this recession, layoffs at work, more stressful at my job, weather sucks…is there any cute, down-to-earth, d/d-free guy out there willing to let me forget about all this BS for a night?"

This heightened craving for sexual release reminds Trina, 30, a graphic designer, of the apocalyptic "grab someone and screw them while you can" mentality that was prevalent post-9/11. "I'm letting myself have a lot more fun," she says, adding that by March she'd been with more guys than she would in a typical 12 months. "All this depressing news just makes you want a human connection—and sex is definitely the easiest way to get it." So if you've been laid off and are moping around licking your wounds, take note: It's time to get out of the breadline and back in the game. The sex of your life could be right around the corner.

Misery Loves Company

According to the newly unemployed women I interviewed, their sudden freedom has liberated more than just their schedules. The week after Bonnie, 23, was let go from her job at a Web site, day-drinking with friends led to her first-ever one-afternoon stand. "When we woke up afterward, at 5 P.M., I was a little mortified," she says. "But the sex was amazing."

Of course, unemployment lines aren't the only places to find raging female libidos; one could be in the next cube. Alexis, a 27-year-old financial analyst in New York, was working 15-hour days last fall after her department had been downsized to just two people. But the high-stress situation led her to crunch more than numbers with her coworker. "We were so tense that we just snapped one night," she says. "We ended up having sex under my desk in my office. He had to cover my mouth so the cleaning lady wouldn't hear me moaning."

In fact, dozens of women I talked to across the country report relying on sexual healing more than ever these days. Think about it: As stress relievers go, it's a hell of a lot cheaper than meds, the gym, or a shrink—and may ▸▸

*SOME NAMES HAVE BEEN CHANGED.

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Inside the sexiest coffin ever

even be more effective. Stuart Brody, Ph.D., a professor of psychology at the University of The West of Scotland, has found that people experience less tension and better moods for a full 24 hours after intercourse. That's right, masturbation doesn't produce the same effect—meaning there's never been a better time to offer a woman your services.

Paupers Over Princes

A side effect of all this horniness: Many women are sleeping with men they wouldn't have looked twice at before. Taryn, 31, took a chance on Darius, a guy she'd previously kicked to the friend zone. "We used to rent a ski house together, but this year that was out," she says. So she hosted a party for her fellow renters and ended up commiserating with him about money woes. "One moment I'm telling him how much I'm going to miss my big bay window if I'm forced to sell my apartment. The next, we're having sex right in front of it. That's something I could not have imagined doing a year ago."

Another thing some women never saw themselves doing prerecession: their exes. But getting fired made Diana, 26, take a revisionist view of a colleague she'd dumped right before the market tanked. "Now I'm thinking: Shit, I have no job, no one to hunker down with—maybe Andrew wasn't that bad," she says. "I found him on LinkedIn to let him know I was looking for work." His leads didn't pan out, but a part-time hookup arrangement did.

It's not that our standards are lower, really—just scaled down like everything else. Hell, at this point offering a girl a Snuggie and a box of wine could get you laid. "Before the recession, I wouldn't consider going out with any guy who made less than $200,000 a year," says 22-year-old Liz. (She didn't have to—she's a model.) "But now that everyone is broke, I'd rather just be with someone I click with physically and mentally." Julia, a 27-year-old masseuse, actually *prefers* out-of-work guys. "They end up being better in bed," she says. Her theory: "Unemployment seems to refocus a man's priorities—no longer the big winner at the sales conference? Might as well be one in the bedroom."

Women are so sympathetic to your cause, in fact, that some of us might even let you get away with more bad behavior than in the past. For example, a year ago we might have called bullshit on the "can't commit, my life is too crazy" line. But it's a pretty bulletproof excuse today...so much so that we're even using it ourselves. "I'm doing the job of three other people right now, plus my own," says Linda, 33, an overworked attorney. When her fuck buddy wanted to upgrade her to girlfriend status in January, she declined. "I have limited hours to spend spooning with you or eating Sunday dinners with your parents. I just need someone who's ready to go when I say so."

Into the Wild

The best news of all? The economic crisis has women craving not just *more* sex but *crazier* sex than ever before. Among the girls I polled, threesomes, S&M-lite, and sex with strangers topped the list of "now or never" acts they've boldly initiated in recent months. "Now that people realize they have to live in the moment, many women are asking to be more experimental in bed," says Amy Levine, sex educator and founder of sexedsolutions.com.

Vanessa, 25, fled L.A. for her folks' basement in Springfield, Missouri after work as an assistant producer in films dried up. The miserable situation soon had her seeking adventure. "It's like I'm 16 again—I'll take any excuse to get out of my parents' house and fuck a guy in the backseat of his car or at the park," she says.

For Tess, 27, the recession unearthed a closet kink she shared with a coworker. "I'd always fantasized about a sex-on-the-copy-machine scenario with Dave," she says, "but I didn't want to screw up my career." That changed when she was transferred to another branch hit by layoffs. She knew she could finally consummate the crush—but she had no idea how dirty things would get. "He has this distinguished older gentleman thing going on, so at one point I slipped and called him Daddy," she says. "I thought, Crap, he's going to think I'm some perv. But his eyes totally lit up!"

So the next time you're freaking over a relentless stream of woeful cable-news tickers—"8.9 percent unemployment! Millions in foreclosure! The end is near!"—remember this: There's still plenty of good stuff going on; it's just happening behind closed doors. It's up to you to make sure yours is one of them. ●

Sex Slang or Finance Term?

Test your recession-era language skills with our vocab quiz.

PHRASE	DEFINITION
1. SUSHI ROLL	A. An SEC review of an industry after an instance of fraud has been uncovered.
2. BACKSTROKE ROULETTE	B. A surprise takeover attempt.
3. SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL	C. When a man throws a handful of his own baby batter.
4. SPIDER-MAN	D. Area of flesh between the bumhole and the genitals.
5. CHANNEL STUFFING	E. A slang term for male masturbation.
6. BIFFIN'S BRIDGE	F. Sending retailers more products than they can sell to inflate sales figures.
7. GAYLORD PERRY	G. Type of analysis used to try to predict market tops and bottoms.
8. WILDCATTING	H. Use spit as a sexual lubricant.

Answer key: 1:G, 2:E, 3:B, 4:C, 5:F, 6:D, 7:H, 8:A

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BY ALLEN ST. JOHN

Playing tennis on Dr. Manhattan's left nut

Balls of Fury

Tennis' It Boy is a scrawny Scot with a hefty dose of attitude. And he's about to take the game by storm.

It's a schvitz-hot Miami afternoon, and Andy Murray is taking no prisoners on the tennis court. But there isn't a racket in sight. The hottest player in the game is warming up before the finals of the Sony Ericsson Open in April by playing a strange hybrid of soccer and tennis with the other members of Team Murray: coach Miles Maclagan, trainer Jez Green, and doubles partner Ross Hutchins. "Tennis football" is Murray's recent invention—four players gather near the service line and try to put the tennis ball away soccer style. It's a silly game, but Murray—a fiery, surly competitor in the mold of John McEnroe—treats it like the Wimbledon finals.

When Green dumps the ball in the middle of the court, Murray dribbles it toward the net with his feet, flips it in the air, and then heads it cross-court for a clean winner.

"You're wearing a dress to dinner tonight," Murray taunts as he pumps his fist and mock-flexes the modest muscles clinging to his wiry 6'3", 185-pound frame. Murray is serious about the cross-dressing—later tonight Green will don a skirt and Hutchins will wear makeup and a wig, while Maclagan gets off easy with only an earring and bandanna. A few weeks earlier, tennis' latest savior-in-waiting lost a bet and had to dress in pink for four days straight.

State of Play

Andy Murray is simply the fastest rising star in tennis. Upon winning the Ericsson, the 22-year-old Scotsman—currently ranked third in the world—laid claim to the best record on tour over the previous nine months. And he did it the hard way: by beating then-number three Novak Djokovic three times in a row, taking a 6-2 career advantage over number two Roger Federer, and schooling top-ranked Rafael Nadal in the semifinals of last year's U.S. Open. Heading into Wimbledon this month, he has yet to win one of tennis' four grand slams, but most observers agree it's just a matter of time.

At any other moment in the game's history, Murray's ascendance to the top spot would seem inevitable. But if he's to become number one now he needs to prevail over a freakish collection of talent: Federer is just two major victories away from breaking Pete Sampras' record of 14; Nadal, maybe the sport's greatest athlete ever, has won slams on clay, grass, and hard courts; and players like Djokovic, Juan Martin Del Potro, and Andy Roddick are each capable of winning any given tournament. "The men's game is *en fuego*," says Murray's former coach Brad Gilbert, who led Roddick and Andre Agassi to slam titles. "I've never seen a better group of players." On top of that, Murray carries the hopes and dreams of Great Britain, which hasn't seen one of its own win a grand slam since Fred Perry in 1936.

On court Murray hardly cuts an intimidating figure. Pale and lanky, he recently sported a mop of curly hair and a patchy three-day beard that made him look like a prep school water boy. But his serve is sneaky fast, hitting 139 mph on the radar gun, and his aggressive return of serve may just be the best in the world. Still, the thing that most distinguishes Murray from his competition may be his combustible on-court intensity, which produces

nearly as many outbursts as match points.

Will all of it be enough? "That's the $64,000 question," says Patrick McEnroe, tennis commentator and U.S. Davis Cup captain. "Does his game have the beef to beat the best guys in a five-set grand slam final?" It's a question Murray is no doubt itching to answer.

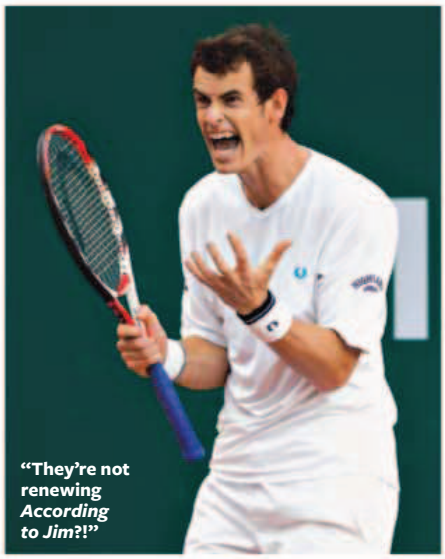
Anger Management

Whatever questions remain Murray hopes to answer with sheer force of will. In the 2005 U.S. Open, he battled Andrei Pavel in a sweltering five-setter. Dehydrated and disheartened, an 18-year-old Murray lost his lunch on the court, hurling vomit onto Pavel's shoes. Then he calmly took a swig of Gatorade and went out and won the match. "You can't teach that ability to compete," says Gilbert.

But it's not just gut-wrenching wins that have made Murray a breakout star. "He gets pissed off, and people like to see that," says McEnroe. When Murray hits a winner, he'll pump his fist and stare down his opponent. When he misses, he's all angst, face contorted, veins in his neck popping out as he unleashes a primal scream. "Tennis players are a bit robotic today," Murray says. "Not like when McEnroe and Connors were smashing rackets and going nuts and getting the crowd into it."

During last year's Italian Open, Del Potro nearly beaned him with a forehand, then started talking trash about Murray's mother. Murray challenged the bigger, bulkier Del Potro, and the two nearly came to blows.

"If it's an important point and you win it, it's good to fire yourself up," Murray says. "If you're frustrated and you want to get your emotions out, you should be able to do that too." While most of his tirades are directed at himself, Murray isn't beyond mouthing off to an official. "I told an umpire once in the Davis Cup as I shook his hand that he had a fucking terrible match," he admits. "But it was honest. He had a bad match."



The Good Fight

Murray took an unconventional route to tennis stardom. He started the game at age three, taught by his mother, Judy, a coach and former Scottish champion. Then, at eight, he survived the 1996 school massacre in his hometown of Dunblane by hiding under a desk while 43-year-old former Scoutmaster Thomas Hamilton shot and killed 16 of Murray's schoolmates and a teacher. While he prefers not to discuss the incident, Murray reflected on it in a 2005 interview with U.K. newspaper *The Mirror*: "Sometimes I wonder if it made me more determined to do something with my life. Certainly I hope I can make Dunblane famous for something other than tragedy."

In 2002, at 15, Murray left Scotland for a tennis academy in Spain. After he won the U.S. Open boys' title two years later, British tennis officials, salivating over a possible future champion, paid the esteemed Gilbert $1.5 million a year to coach him. But, ever stubborn, Murray had his own ideas, dropping the hard-driving Gilbert after 16 months in favor of the largely untested members of Team Murray.

The gamble paid off. Today, at Wimbledon, the public viewing area once called Henman Hill (after six-time grand slam semifinalist Tim Henman) has been renamed Murray Mount, and a local dry cleaner has even started a kilt cleaning service for Murray's tartan-clad fans. But Murray hasn't been as warmly embraced by tennis' old-school elite, especially in England, who prefer their players more genteel. For example, when asked for his predictions for the 2006 soccer World Cup—from which Scotland had already been eliminated—Murray jokingly replied, "Anyone but England." The quip caused a furor that still hasn't died down.

Murray's response to his growing celebrity has been to keep a low profile. "I don't go out. I don't drink. I don't smoke," he says. "I don't do anything that would make the paparazzi want to follow me." Indeed, despite having earned $7.2 million to date, Murray doesn't even own a car—he still takes the underground around London, which has led to more than one strange encounter. "I was on the tube, and a girl tapped me and gave me a piece of paper," he recalls. "I looked up and smiled. I thought she was giving me her number. When I got out I opened it. It said, 'Well done for everything, I'm a big fan.' I was a bit disappointed."

"I don't think I've changed as a person," Murray continues. "I still have exactly the same friends as I did before, and I've had the same girlfriend for three and a half years."

That consistency seems to be Murray's calling card these days. His strategy as he preps for the biggest tournament of his career? The same one he applies in tennis football: Work hard and play harder. "I invested money to make sure my fitness got better," he says. "I've gotten bigger and stronger and quicker. And mentally, it's made playing a lot easier. In tennis it's about who wants it a little more, and you can have a lot more fun if you're number one." ●

Tempers of the Dogs

Andy Murray upholds the proud tradition of hothead jocks.

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The former number one was famous for his on-court outbursts, which he trades on today in edgy, controversial car rental ads.

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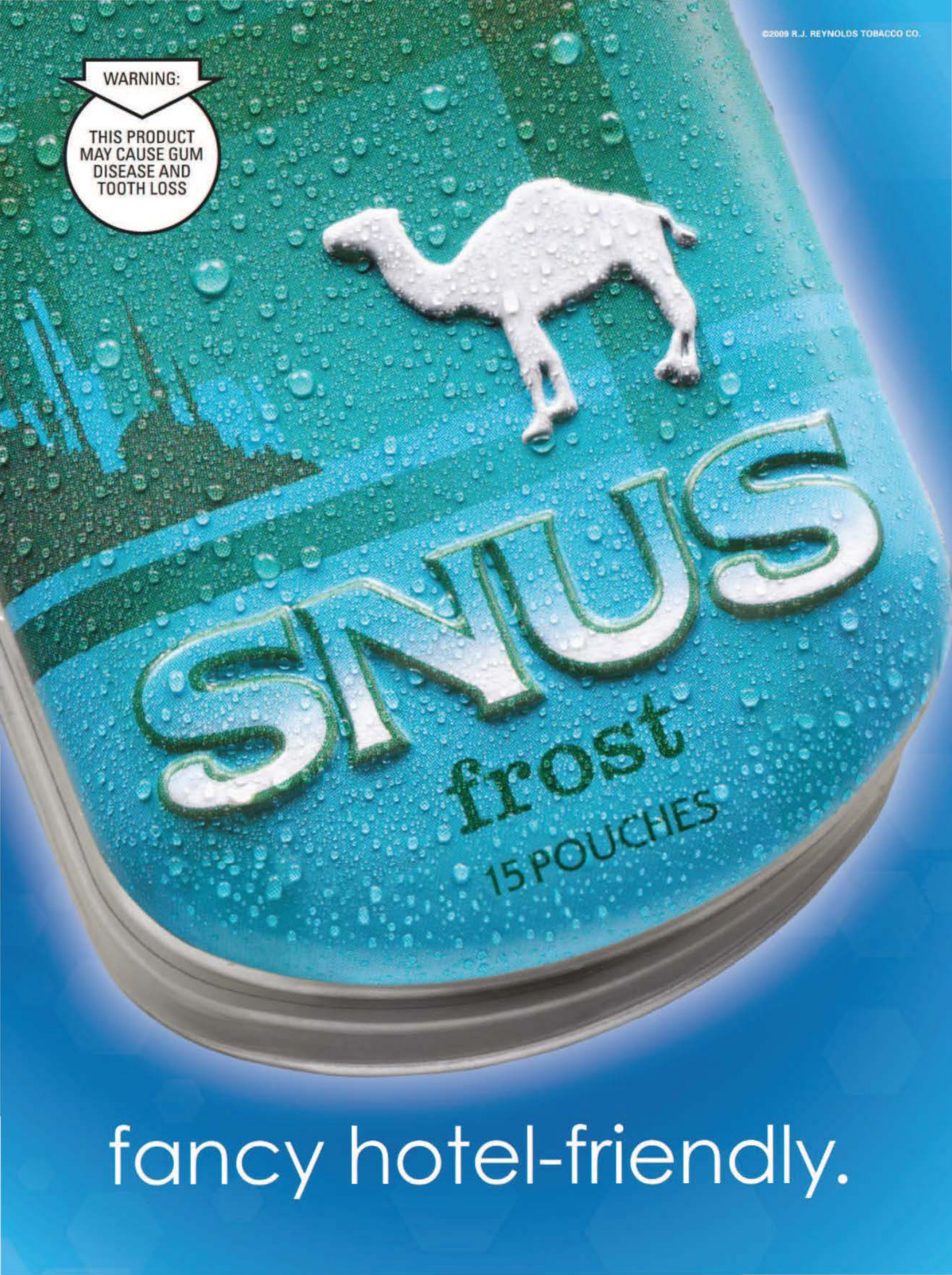
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BY ROBERT LEVINE

Robert Plant, shortly before trying to smuggle a cucumber

Rock & Roll Unlimited

Welcome to the Web, where formerly impossible-to-find bootlegs are a click away.

I've probably heard more John Bonham drum solos than anyone besides John Bonham," says Ronnie Fritz, an obsessive Led Zeppelin fan. Bonham's solos sometimes ran 20 minutes—even Zep-heads tend to skip them, and so did the rest of the band (who usually took backstage sex-and-drug breaks while he had the spotlight). But Fritz, who works as a graphic designer for Comedy Central, spent a year listening to every single Zeppelin recording in circulation—all 294 of them—which is a whole lotta tub-thumping. Fritz chronicled the project on a blog called The Year of Led Zeppelin. He labeled more than 50 shows "must hear"; his favorite is the group's September 19, 1970, concert at Madison Square Garden, which his father happened to attend.

A decade ago it would have been hard to imagine anyone without serious money or music business connections amassing such a large collection of unauthorized live recordings. But the Internet has made live shows, studio leaks, hip-hop mixes, and other gray-market recordings as accessible as last night's sports scores. "If you know where to look, you can find almost anything," Fritz says. He has more than half the shows Zeppelin performed in its 12-year history, including every single one after June 3, 1977. And since decent recording equipment is now small enough to use surreptitiously—mikes can be clipped to baseball caps and connected to pocket-size hard drives—newer shows are even easier to find. "I saw My Morning Jacket at Radio City Music Hall," he says, "and I had the recording two days later."

We're rapidly coming to the point when almost every bit of music performed in front of a reasonably sized audience is available online soon after: last night's Coldplay show, a 50 Cent freestyle, the song Jack White sang with Bob Dylan in Nashville. While bootlegs were once sold only at small stores and out-of-the-way swap meets, they are now available at the click of a mouse—often right beside legitimate recordings. Some are recorded in formats like FLAC (pronounced "flack") and SHN ("shin"), which sound better than MP3s. And although most acts still object to the bootleg trade, several music executives admitted that labels are too busy trying to stop the illegal spread of studio albums to deal with another problem.

For music fans it's like finding a whole extra floor of Tower Records (assuming Tower Records still existed in the first place). Lil Wayne fans can download the rapper's hundreds of mix-tape tracks. Springsteen junkies can fill whole hard drives with the Boss' epic shows. And while most Beatles fans have been waiting two decades for the band to release better-sounding versions of their albums on CD, superior remasters full of bonus tracks have been circulating on the Internet for years. (Search "Purple Chick" and "White Album" for a 12-disc set of outtakes.)

The bootleg world isn't just for guitar rock anymore, as rappers use the Internet to ▸▸

release the kind of freestyle and battle-rhyme tracks they once put out on mix tapes. This shift has only accelerated since 2007, when DJ Drama was arrested for selling mixes out of his trunk. "The mix-tape circuit boomed because artists tired of the politics with their labels," says Elliott Wilson, founder of the Web site RapRadar. "Now the underground has shifted to the Internet, and they just send out an MP3."

Like mix tapes, "leaked" tracks often seem to generate rather than suppress demand for legit music. Lil Wayne, who put out several albums' worth of material before releasing *Tha Carter III,* had the best-selling album of 2008. And while the chaotic world of BitTorrent is nearly impossible for a casual fan to negotiate, the online bootleg scene is curated by fans who devote themselves to tracking down and posting high-quality concert recordings. Rock blogs post links to full-length concerts by acts like Radiohead, Kings of Leon, Death Cab for Cutie, and Amy Winehouse. Hip-hop sites post entire mix tapes, as well as the kind of songs that used to end up on them (see sidebar).

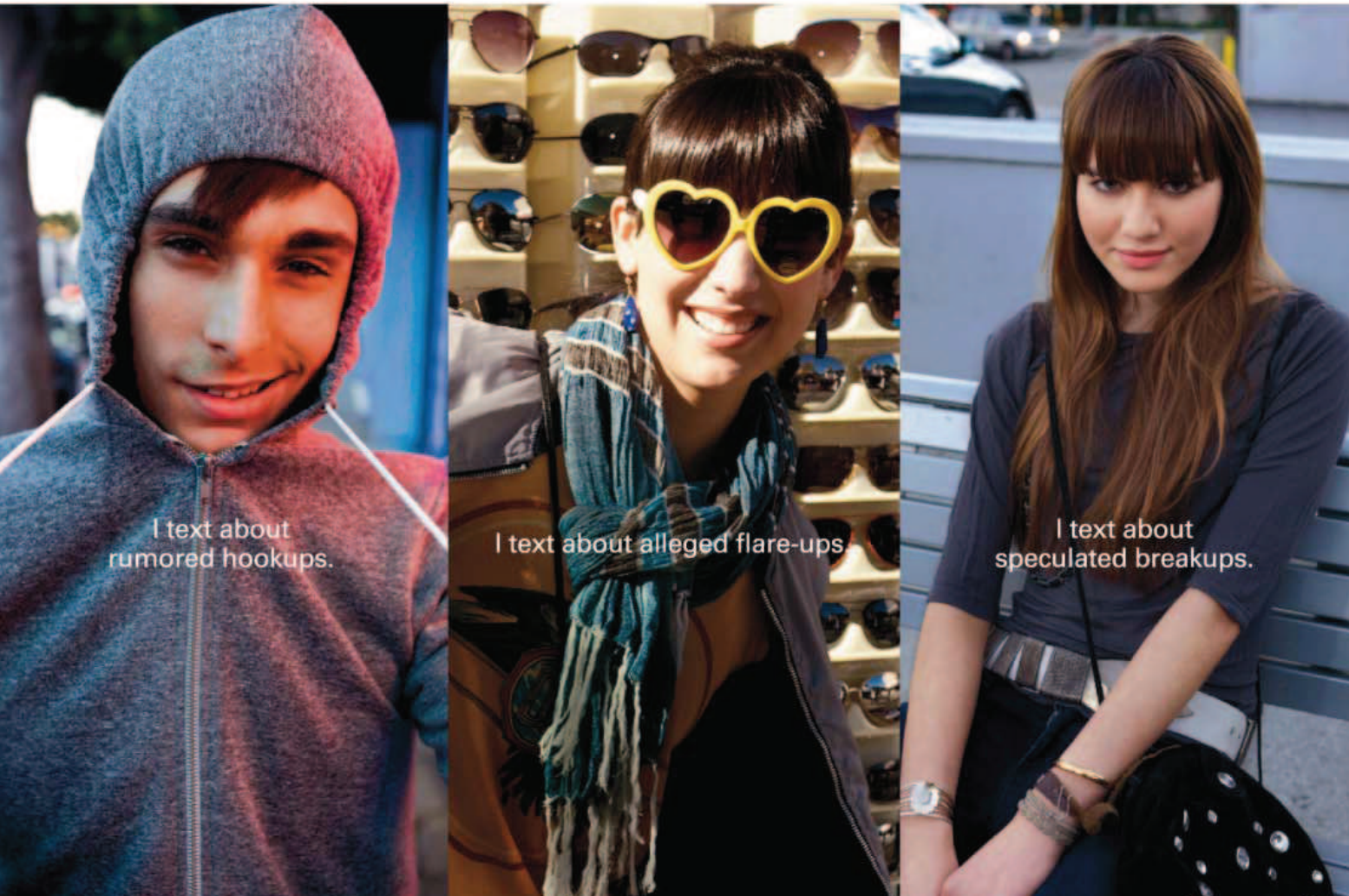
"The primary effect of digitization isn't on mainstream music but on obscure music and obscure recordings of mainstream bands," says Jim Griffin, president of Chorus LLC. "In a digital world, you don't have to worry about shelf space." Eventually, he believes, Internet access providers will charge their customers a fee that covers all the music on their networks.

Online, fans can download remastered versions of the entire Beatles catalog that sound much better than the official releases.

THE FIRST MODERN BOOTLEG WAS *GREAT White Wonder,* a 1969 double album set that had a plain white cover and 23 unreleased Bob Dylan songs (many eventually becoming *The Basement Tapes*). For decades bootlegs have presented an alternate history of rock—one in which Prince put out several more albums during his mid-'80s creative peak, the Stones released a great live album, and Lil Wayne dropped one album a week instead of every few years.

"It's good for the art as a whole," says Jeff Jampol, who manages the Doors and represents the estates of Janis Joplin, Gram Parsons, and Peter Tosh. Jampol would prefer that his clients make money from *all* their recordings, so he's taken steps to release them legally. The Doors formed a partnership with Rhino Entertainment, the catalog division of Warner Music Group, to release bootleg-style recordings directly to fans, and last year he approved a previously unheard Gram Parsons live album. "These recordings are documents," he says.

The question is, whose documents are they? The online Beatles remasters were cleaned up and released by Purple Chick, a mysterious label for the fan or fans who presumably put them out online as a hobby. The current Beatles CDs date back to the first-generation of CD remasters, and some fans have already expressed



frustration that the new digital remasters due in September don't include any unreleased material. Purple Chick's do. In addition to better sound—most likely sourced from high-quality LPs and tweaked with technology that didn't exist two decades ago—the Purple Chick Beatles reissues include all kinds of extras—stereo and mono versions, plus four discs' worth of outtakes in the case of *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*. A decade ago such a package might have cost $100—if you could find it. Now the bootleg *White Album* isn't all that much harder to find than the real thing.

Although few have the expertise of Purple Chick, the online bootleg scene is full of fans who recontextualize their material. Recently some fans put online the version of Metallica's *Death Magnetic* used in *Guitar Hero*, which many believe sounds better. Others create virtual CDs of highlights from a particular tour.

As the amount of material from some artists expands, so do attempts to organize it. Reid, an IT professional who runs a blog devoted to Dylan bootlegs as well as the more eclectic blog Resurrecting the Otter's Cheese, has about 500 gigabytes of Dylan concerts and 400 gigs of other shows—so much music that he's listened to only about 10 percent of it. The blogs are his attempt to share his best stuff with others.

Regardless of the legal status of these bootlegs, they're going to be available ever more easily. That means fans will probably play a larger role—seeking out new recordings, sifting through them for favorites, and organizing the material into forms we can only guess at.

"I started the blog to go through everything I had and develop an information database," says Fritz, adding that so many Zep recordings have come out over the past few years that other bootleg guides are out of date. "The big surprise was that people were interested." ●

These Boots Are Made for Rocking

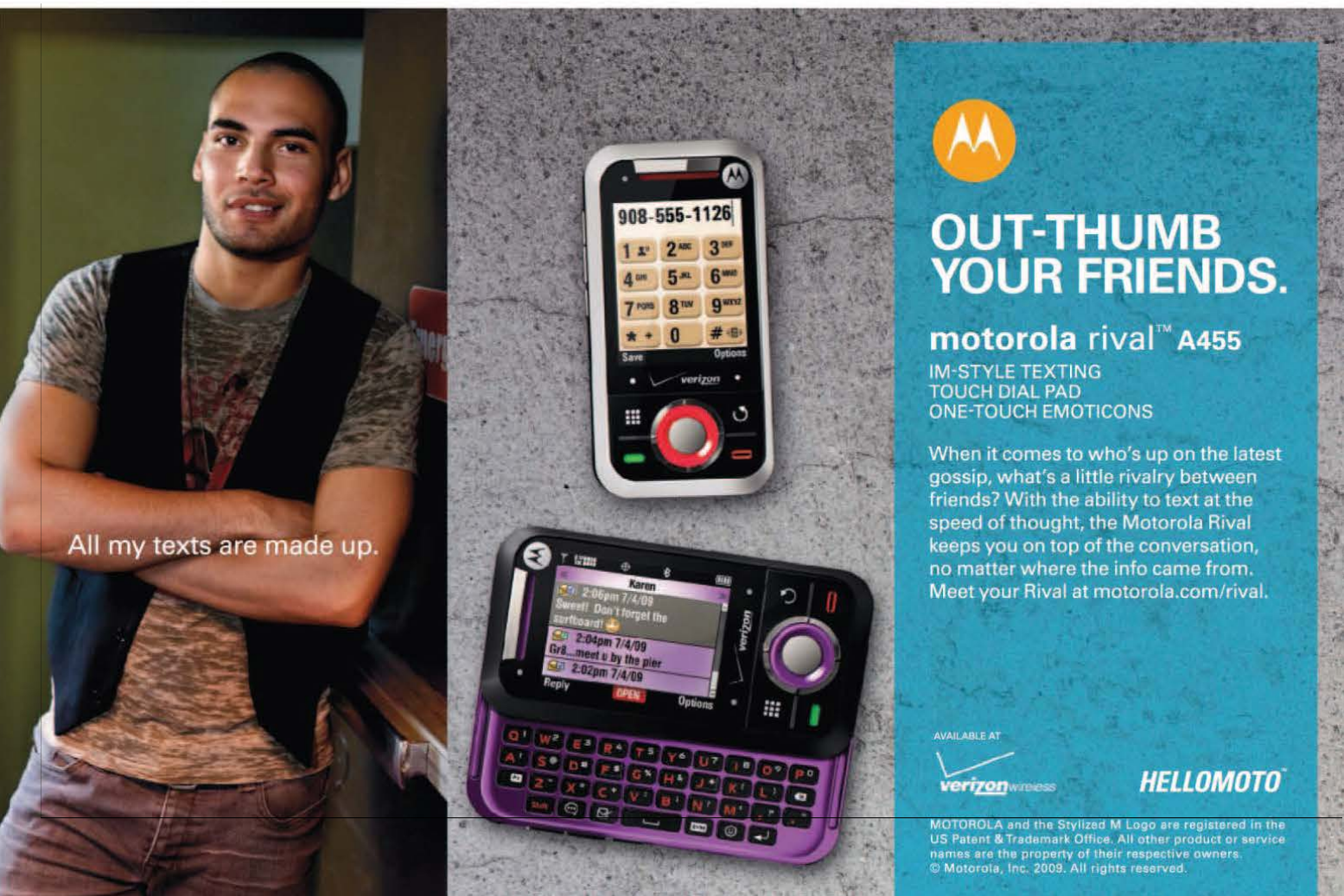
Four sources for the best in Web bootlegs, whatever your taste.

Resurrecting the Otter's Cheese
A bounty of live bootlegs and unreleased material by everyone from James Brown to Nirvana.

RapRadar
A selection of mix tapes, random tracks, and exclusive video of live performances from artists like Lil Wayne.

Mystic Chords of Memory
Almost 100 bootleg concerts by alternative artists such as Radiohead and Kings of Leon.

Jambase
Ground zero for the patchouli set, Jambase allows fans to connect and find recordings from hundreds of bands.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LET THERE BE OLIVIA!

IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH, AND HE SAW THEY WERE GOOD.
EONS LATER HE CREATED *YEAR ONE*'S OLIVIA WILDE, AND HE SAW SHE WAS PERFECT.

BY PATRICK CARONE

PHOTOGRAPHS BY AMANDA DE CADENET

ONCE IN A WHILE THE NOTORIOUS G.O.D. FEELS FIT TO THROW US MORTALS A BONE. Between the pirate attacks, pig viruses, and Nia Vardalos flicks He's been doling out lately, the mere existence of a beauty like Olivia Wilde is cause for shouting, "Hallelujah!" We first caught a glimpse of the divine actress—whom we recently crowned the hottest woman in the world in the *Maxim* Hot 100—on *The O.C.*, where she hooked up with snobby dudes and dudettes alike. Then she injected herself into our hearts for good as the terminally ill (and terminally bisexual) internist Thirteen on Fox's smash hit *House M.D.* This month she's poised for a breakout of biblical proportions playing a princess in the prehistoric comedy *Year One*, which boasts Judd Apatow as producer, Harold Ramis as director, and Jack Black as a caveman named Zed. God? If you happen to be reading this: Praised be Thy Holy Name!

Black. Ramis. Apatow. *Year One* has quite the comedic pedigree.
I don't know how they let me in there. It's a group of the most incredible comedians of our time, really. I mean the mixture of the Apatow family with Harold Ramis and his classic sense of humor just exploded into this celebration of smart and hilarious humor.

Were you intimidated?
Oh, yeah. But everyone was so encouraging. After my screen test, Jack Black said, "You're good...a little too good. Be less good, 'cause you're making me look bad." I was like, "Yes!" It was an amazing experience that can only spoil you, because then you're like, "Uh, can I only work with you guys from now on?" I see why they do movies together all the time.

Your character is named Princess Inanna. What's she the princess of?
I'm the princess of Sodom, which is a great thing to tell Mom and Dad. "Who are you playing this time, sweetie?" "I'm the princess of Sodom!" My poor parents.

Had you read the Bible before you got cast?
No. In my family religion was reserved for weddings and funerals, so once I got the role I had to read up on my Cain and Abel. Plus, I had to know about Sodom, so I did a lot of research on sodomy. I'll do anything for my craft.

If you were in the Garden of Eden, would you have taken a bite of the forbidden fruit?
Absolutely. And Eve was even smarter; she made Adam take a bite. She was like, "Hmm, that one looks good. Why don't *you* try it?" I would've been a disaster in the Garden of Eden. I'm terrible with temptation.

You played a bisexual on *The O.C.*, and, of course, there's the sexually adventurous Thirteen on *House*. Does the princess go both ways, too?
Harold kept joking, "When are we gonna shoot your lesbian scene?" But it was a great role because he left it wide open. She's silly, but she's not stupid. I also created this ridiculous, over-the-top English accent for her. I mean, any period piece you see, anytime they have people anywhere, they're British!

Does that upset you?
You know what? Tom Cruise playing a German in *Valkyrie* with an American accent bothered me more.

Your husband is an Italian prince, so you're also a princess in real life, right?
It's kind of hilarious, because my husband and I are so not concerned with it. All it means to us is having an incredible family history. But it's still funny. Everyone on set was like, "princess of Italy, princess of Sodom."

BIBLICAL BABES

THE GOOD BOOK CONTAINS SOME REAL SEXY LOOKS.

EVE
If she didn't convince Adam to eat the apple, we'd all be naked all the time—including that fat guy in front of you at the deli.

DELILAH
This minx stole Samson's power by lopping off his locks. Remember her the next time your girlfriend nags you to shave off your soul patch.

BATHSHEBA
Creepy King David sees her bathing and a Goliath boner ensues. He takes her as his wife—even though that lathered-up lady is already spoken for!

MARY MAGDALENE
The one-time hooker became a chaste disciple of Jesus. At least that's what the Vatican would have you believe...right, Ron Howard?

Is it true you got engaged at Burning Man?
Yes, and that will happen, I warn you. You'll get engaged if you go to Burning Man.

So you're saying the best way to land a beautiful bride is to not shower for a week?
Take her to the middle of a desert, don't feed her or give her water until she's in a delirious haze, and then pop the question right as she's passing out on the sand. I guarantee success.

What's it like playing a bisexual with a terminal disease on *House*?
Thirteen is cool! She's just living how she wants to live. The girl's got eight years—let her do what she wants. I really respect her confidence and her openness. And why put a label on any sexual identity?

On *House* your character's name is Thirteen, but you were No. 1 on *Maxim*'s Hot 100 for 2009.
I'm defined by numbers, what can I say? I was so psyched when I found out I was No. 1, I did a little dance. It's great, because I don't play someone who wears bikinis. I wear a lab coat and speak in medical terms, yet people can still find that sexy! It proves to me that guys really like strong, intelligent women; they're not as dumb as women think. It's a good sign for humanity when intelligence is considered hot.

Right behind you on our list was Megan Fox.
My girlfriend!

She once said, "Olivia Wilde is so sexy she makes me want to strangle a mountain ox with my bare hands." And she hadn't even met you?
Nope, but it was such a sweet thing to say. I was really flattered. I also thought her choice of words was hilarious. As an animal lover, of course, I would throw myself in front of Megan for the sake of the mountain ox.

Did you finally meet her?
Yeah, she came up to me at a party. Leonardo DiCaprio was in the vicinity, but she came up to me, damn it! She said, "I've had a girl crush on you for years, and I hope that doesn't offend you." And I said, "Why would it offend me? I think it's wonderful." Then I said something really nerdy, like, "I should send you a thank-you card!" She said, "Yeah," and I just kind of withered. Thank-you cards are not sexy!

You're currently working on the *Tron* sequel. Is Jeff Bridges in this one, too?
Oh, yeah! They're shooting that new *Twilight* film in Vancouver, where we're doing *Tron*, and they want to have a bowl-off. We're like, "Bring it on, vampires! Whaddya got?" We've got the Dude. The Dude abides.

Check our *Year One* preview on page 28.

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Conan O'Brien

This month he took over *The Tonight Show,* and for the next two pages he will take over the giggle center of your brain. Ladies and gentlemen, he-e-e-e-re's Conan!

BY DAN BOVA PHOTOGRAPH BY FRANK W. OCKENFELS 3

Some paparazzi pics of you on a kiddie train popped up recently. Care to explain?
The thing I've learned about Los Angeles is that there's always someone shooting you. It's nice, because you have a record of what you've been doing at all times. So for tax purposes it'll come in handy. It's like, "Well, I don't have a receipt, but I have a photograph of me buying those tube socks in *Us Weekly.*" I had taken the kids to Griffith Park, and like an idiot I'm trying to take a shot of my son with my flip phone. And these guys are shooting me in incredible high-def video. It's like, why don't I just ask TMZ if I can borrow their pictures? I'm gonna invite TMZ to my house on Christmas and let them shoot my kids opening presents. I'll make sure Jennifer Aniston stops by—topless.

Has Jay Leno been taking you around L.A.?
Years ago I was in L.A., and Jay invited me out to dinner. Just as a joke I said, "Only if you pick me up in a pre-1915 car with candles for headlights." And sure enough, he pulls up in some 1915 car that was like 20 feet high. In those days they built cars so that they would be high enough to go over a horse without killing it. And it had these, like, gas lamps. So we're driving down Sunset Boulevard, and I suddenly realize that Jay's head and my head—it's like the two biggest heads you've ever seen, and we're basically a parade float in a car that's powered by manure. You could see us on a satellite.

Leno said there are only five people in the world who can understand what helming a late-night show is like. Do you agree, or is he just being a whiny little worm?
Well, there are more and more of these shows cropping up. I can only pray that everyone else is killed by an asteroid. And with digital technology, we're probably five years away from everyone in America hosting their own show and putting it on the Web. Four years from now I'm not going to be worried about Letterman or Leno; I'll be worried about a 65-year-old woman in Duluth who's got a killer talk show.

Would you like to go on record and say you're gonna kick Arsenio Hall's ass?
I'm going to get in a time machine and go after Pat Sajak. That's who I'm gonna taunt. Actually, it's not really in my nature to taunt. The only person I'm really comfortable taunting is myself. Every morning I get out of the shower and stand there naked in front of a full-length mirror and point and laugh at myself and say, "You're going down!"

Have you heard of "insult porn"? A woman looks into the camera and laughs at the size of your penis.
Uh, I didn't know that, but I'd like to sue those people for copyright infringement. I have no interest in seeing that. I will not pay for something I can easily achieve for free.

Now that you're in L.A., are you getting calf implants and all that stuff?
My whole body is hairless now. I'm just one smooth surface. And my ass has been lifted; it's in between my shoulder blades. When I go to the bathroom, I have to take off my shirt.

Lots of younger comics, such as Demetri Martin, got started on your show.
Yes. Louis C. K., Demetri Martin, and Amy Poehler used to do sketches on our show, and I call them all in the middle of the night and whisper, "I made you…" I'm also starting to do it with people I can't claim credit for, like Brad Pitt. "I made you…" "What? What are you talking about?" I do it to Larry King: "I made you…" "Who is this? Is this Tacoma Falls?" I like taking credit for people who have careers.

"I can only pray that all other hosts are killed by an asteroid."

Max Weinberg's son is going to be filling in for him on drums at some upcoming Springsteen shows. Are you training your kids to fill in for you?
Yes, my three-year-old son will be filling in for me when I tour with Air Supply in Europe.

Is there anything you can't believe is on TV because it is so idiotic?
Who am I to say? I mean, when reality shows just keep spinning off, there's a certain point where I think it's a sign of the apocalypse. Sometimes it feels like the people making these shows are really trying to find the bottom of the pool. It's like, "I know! Let's give the Kardashians a show!" And they do, and the world doesn't implode. "Oh! Wait a minute! What if we take one of the Kardashians and give her her own financial advice show?" "We just did, and the world didn't blow up!" "All right, so let's take a Kardashian, remove the reasoning part of her brain, and do a show where she wrestles an ape in a vat of cheddar cheese." I think there's a government agency somewhere that's observing all of television, and at some point they're going to have to scramble jets. Some part of Southern California is going to be attacked by fighter planes, and the government will explain, "We had to. There was a new Kardashian you didn't know about: Chi-Chi Kardashian. We're sorry that a couple of thousand civilians were killed in the attack, but if you had seen Chi-Chi, you'd understand."

So everyone should watch *The Tonight Show*—is that what we're trying to get at?
Give me five years of your time, that's all I ask. All I'm asking is for everyone to watch *The Tonight Show* consistently, every night, for five years. If you're not fully satisfied, you'll get your money back. That's the deal. ●

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BARE NAKED LADY

A dizzying, twisted, intoxicating lunch with the first lady of the dance floor: Lady GaGa.

BY JONAH WEINER
PHOTOGRAPHS BY RENNIO MAIFREDI

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Steak House is not the kind of place you expect to run into vamp-tastic Lady GaGa. It's very business casual, the speakers pipe Sinatra into the johns, and the palette is all ambers and browns, like you're eating in a cigar box. So when the foul-mouthed, pants-allergic, electro-loving pop princess behind "Just Dance" and "Poker Face" walks in for our Q&A, there's hardly a person in the dining room who doesn't do a double take. GaGa, born Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta 23 years ago in Yonkers, New York, is wearing giant gold sunglasses, a lavender leather jacket, and white vinyl capris. "I'm dressed conservatively today," she says. "I should take off my pants just to freak them out!"

This interview was supposed to take place at your house. What happened?
My concerts are about me being very private in public, but I'm very protective. My apartment is my stage, and my bedroom is my stage—they're just not stages you're allowed to see. When you let a bunch of people in there, they fuck with that energy and it becomes a circus. Put it another way: Everybody wants me to show my vagina to the world all the time. And the truth is, I don't have to.

Speaking of vagina displays, what's up with your Britney Spears obsession?
I was 13 when Britney became a star. My friends and I used to go to *TRL* once a week just to stand outside. But even then I wasn't a superfan. I was amazed by the level of superfan that Britney created. I liked to watch and be a part of the huh-huh-huh-huh!—the hyperventilating. I want to bring back the feeling I used to feel.

The Lady GaGa experience is a tough one to wrap one's head around. Is it high art? Camp? Straight-up cheese?
Warhol said art should be meaningful in the most shallow way. He was able to make commercial art that was taken seriously as fine art, to use something simple and shallow to take you to another planet. That's what I'm doing, too. When you listen to a song like "LoveGame," is it communicating my soul to you? No. My music isn't me jerking my dick off all over a piano trying to feel something. I make soulless electronic pop. But when you're on Ecstasy in a nightclub grinding up against someone and my music comes on, you'll feel soul.

You spent a lot of time hanging out at downtown gay clubs. What do they have that other clubs don't?
There's a euphoria you don't get anywhere else. No pretensions, just a celebration of sexual freedom.

Do you prefer sex with men or women?
It depends on the guy or the girl. But I'm not discussing my sex life with you. I will say that I'd be a happy girl if I could make the whole world gay.

You're not going to turn a lot of guys gay with this photo shoot.
But that's the thing. I'm not trying to make your dick hard the way other girls are. I'm trying to teach your dick to get hard when it looks at other things. I love Grace Jones and David Bowie because they played with gender, with what "sexy" means.

Have you always been so GaGa-ish?
When I was 15, I would wear stonewashed jeans with very tight, midriff-showing tank tops. I had huge boobs, because I was 20 pounds heavier then. Big, frizzy, dark brown hair. Hot pink lipstick. My dad would be waiting for me to get home from a club, sweating on the couch, having a heart attack. I didn't like upsetting him. But I did like being myself.

"MY BEDROOM IS MY STAGE—IT'S JUST NOT A STAGE YOU'RE ALLOWED TO SEE."

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Hey, Rick, great rack!

How to: GRILL LIKE A GANGSTA

BY **RICK ROSS**

The Food

I love steaks. I love blood. A regular grill man cooks wienies. A boss is gonna have that spiraled Italian sausage. But if we're going to put hot dogs on there, we're going with the ones with cheese in the middle. I love cheese. One of my favorite specials: Put a little butter, a tilapia fillet, broccoli, and a slice of cheese in some aluminum foil. Wrap it and throw it on the grill.

The Setting

My house has a nice setup outside—if you've been to the Delano hotel or the Mandarin or the Raleigh in Miami, my yard's reminiscent of that—a real bungalow vibe. But every neighborhood also has a certain public park—CB Smith Park in my area—where there's something about the flavor coming off the grills. They've got the burgers to put Burger King out of business.

The Gear

You gotta have the dinosaur claws, the cleavers. That's how you pat that beef. And in summertime? In Mi-yay-yo you definitely want to rock a pair of shorts and be topless or, at the most, wear a wife-beater under your apron, like a boss.

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Dave Navarro's Sun 'n' Sex Playlist

1 **GIRL IN A COMA** "SAY"
"Nina, the singer in the Texas power pop trio, has a unique voice, and this track is hooky and unusual without shoving its quirkiness down your throat."

2 **ECHOES DE LUXE** "THE PRICE OF LOVE"
"They're a local L.A. band who make roll-to-the-beach, buy-the-groceries music sound sexy. I do neither of those things."

3 **NINE INCH NAILS** "1,000,000"
"Great for a gritty summer sex scene at a fleabag motel. (Note to self: Call Trent re: rights to use this in my next adult feature.)"

4 **J. MELLO** "OXY COTTON"
"Great upbeat song and a dynamic cautionary tale."

5 **SING ORPHEUS** "HYPNOTIC"
"This L.A. band reminds me of a night out on the town in Hollywood, where, despite your best efforts, you end up having fun."

6 **SLIPKNOT** "OPIUM OF THE PEOPLE"
"A great song for those long summer days when you're unable to avoid the sun."

7 **GRAVENHURST** "BLACK HOLES IN THE SAND"
"There's still time for depression during the summer."

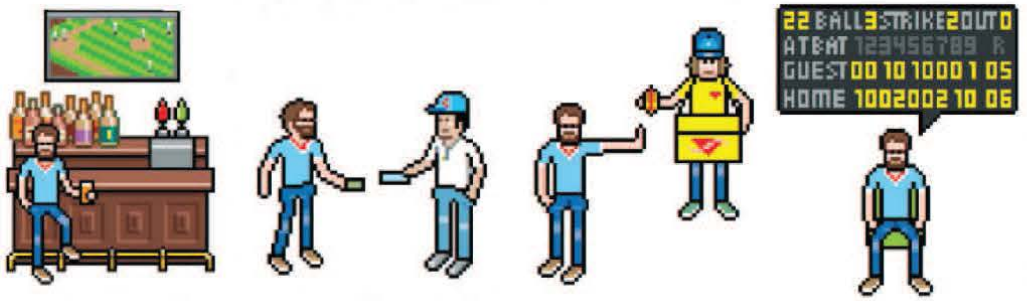
8 **SLANG CHICKENS** "TROPICS"
"This song kind of reminds me of a summer pool party in 1994 at the Phoenix Hotel in San Fran with a bunch of strippers ...not that I have ever been to anything like that."

9 **J. MELLO** "U OUTTA KNOW"
"Billy Joel does make for a great mash-up! Who knew?"

10 **BETTY DAVIS** "HE WAS A BIG FREAK"
"It's three o'clock in the morning, and you have just realized that you don't know any of these people in your house."

How to:
HAVE A CHEAP AND UNFORGETTABLE DAY AT THE BALLPARK

BY **CRAIG FINN** OF **THE HOLD STEADY**



STEP 1:
Go solo and start at a bar right around the corner from the field. Pick a spot with a decent TV that's locked into the game—I usually go to Huberts across the street from the Metrodome in Minneapolis. Watch the first inning on TV.

STEP 2:
When the first inning's over, cross the street and tell the scalpers you want one ticket. Offer $15. They get stuck with singles, and the guy's probably heading home, so he'll take $15 over nothing—and you'll probably get right on the field.

STEP 3:
Don't eat. There's nothing at the stadium you can't get better or cheaper when you leave, especially if you're watching the Mets or the Yankees. Exception: the garlic fries at AT&T Park in San Francisco, where the Giants play.

STEP 4:
Keep score. There are so many people-watching opportunities, but you'd be surprised how much keeping score helps you focus and get more out of it. And remember, they usually stop serving beer after the seventh inning, so load up.

How to:
MAKE "SMOOTH" CHICKEN QUESADILLAS...WITH EXTRA CHEESE! (SERVES 6–8)

BY **ROB THOMAS**

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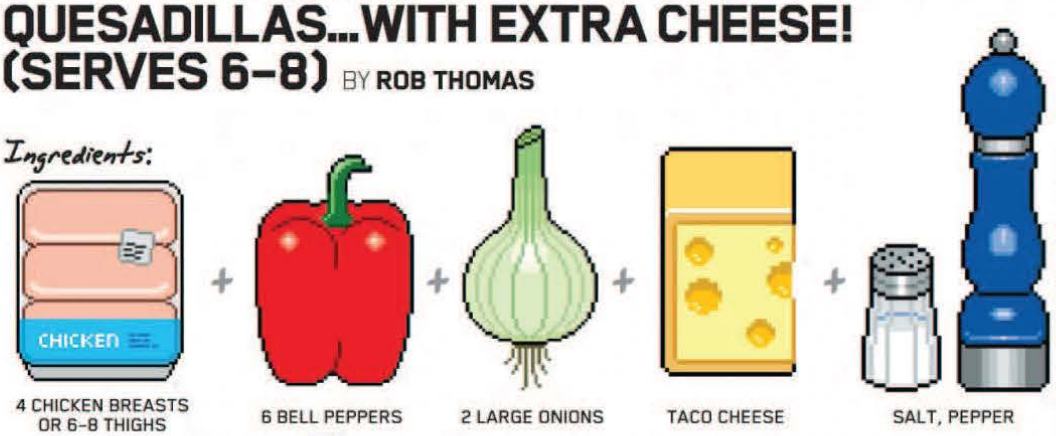

4 CHICKEN BREASTS OR 6–8 THIGHS

6 BELL PEPPERS

2 LARGE ONIONS

TACO CHEESE

SALT, PEPPER

1 CAN GOYA BLACK BEANS, STRAINED

OLIVE OIL

EIGHT 8-INCH TORTILLAS

1 LENGTHY BUT TASTEFUL SANTANA SOLO

HAPPY ROB THOMAS

Preparation:

Cut peppers in half, remove seeds, and slice into half-inch strips. Cut onion in quarters and slice. Place peppers and onions in aluminum pan, add two tablespoons of olive oil and salt and pepper to taste. Mix ingredients and place on one side of the grill on medium heat and cover with foil. Season chicken and grill. Once chicken is cooked, remove from grill and cut into strips. Mix chicken, peppers, and onions in aluminum pan and set aside. Take one tortilla and add chicken, peppers, onions, cheese, and black beans; place another tortilla over. Place back on grill on low heat and cover BBQ. Fire up "Smooth" and flip tortilla after Santana's fourth solo (almost four minutes in). Let other side toast until the song ends or until brown. Cut quesadilla in quarters and serve with guacamole, sour cream, a couple of Coronas, and something off *Cradlesong* (the new Rob Thomas record).

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Wayne Coyne's Meteor Shower Party Playlist

1 **STARBUCK**
"MOONLIGHT FEELS RIGHT"
"When you look back at groups like this, you have to wonder, What possibly could they have been thinking? Even in the early '70s, they looked like old guys."

2 **FRANK ZAPPA**
"COSMIK DEBRIS"
"I think he's talking about gurus here."

3 **DEERHOOF**
"WHITHER THE INVISIBLE BIRDS?"
"Utterly cosmic in the most epic, beautiful way."

4 **PINK FLOYD**
"SET THE CONTROLS FOR THE HEART OF THE SUN"
"Me and my younger brother saw Pink Floyd: Live at Pompeii at a midnight movie in 1976. It made me want to be in a band."

5 **SONIC YOUTH**
"STAR POWER"
"This song's about saying cool words instead of having meaning."

6 **STARDEATH AND WHITE DWARFS**
"THOSE WHO ARE FROM THE SUN RETURN TO THE SUN"
"It's trippy enough to enhance any experience."

7 **GUSTAV HOLST**
"THE PLANETS"
"It's an overwhelming classical piece."

8 **RADIOHEAD**
"PYRAMID SONG"
"It'd be great to sit at the pyramids with Thom Yorke. We'd find some secret door to the other dimension."

9 **YEAH YEAH YEAHS**
"SKELETONS"
"I have nothing to connect this to the cosmos. But I really like singer Karen O."

10 **SUN RA**
"SPACE IS THE PLACE"
"It's 21 minutes that feels like the inside of a black hole."

How to: GET HIGH ON THE WATER BY AKON

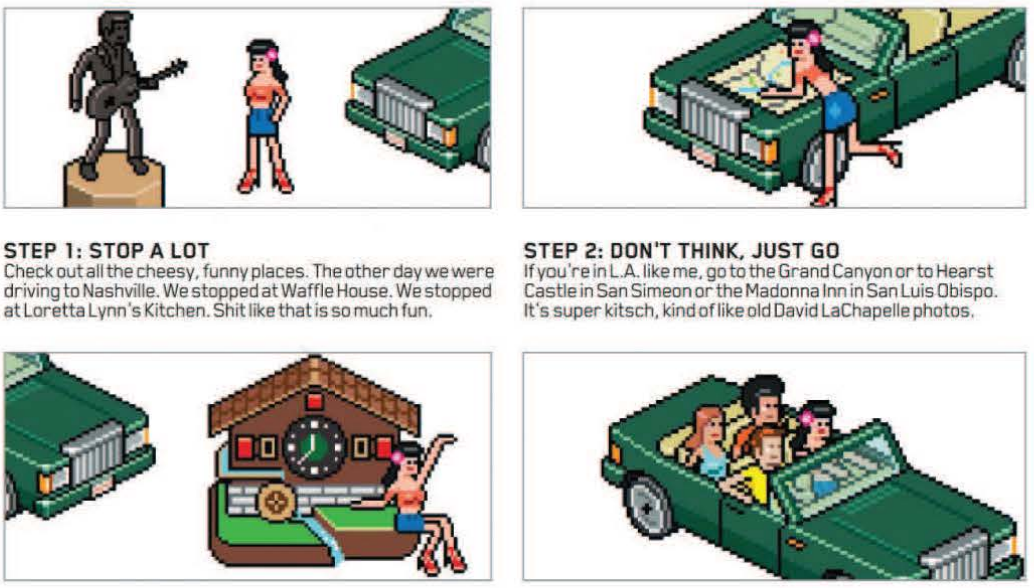
STEP 1:
I use a supercharged three-seater, but I ride it by myself. (Don't ask me to tow you skiing—I don't have the patience.)

STEP 2:
You have to hit the wave straight. Problem is, it's almost impossible.

STEP 3:
Always lean forward. If you lean back and the bike goes the wrong way, you might break your back.

STEP 4:
Pray you land right, back end first.

How to: PLAN THE PERFECT ROAD TRIP BY KATY PERRY



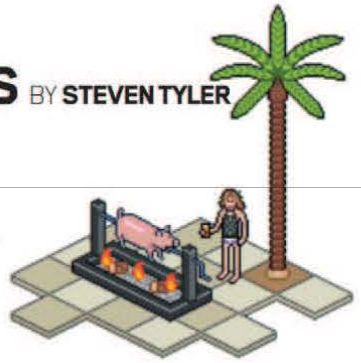
STEP 1: STOP A LOT
Check out all the cheesy, funny places. The other day we were driving to Nashville. We stopped at Waffle House. We stopped at Loretta Lynn's Kitchen. Shit like that is so much fun.

STEP 2: DON'T THINK, JUST GO
If you're in L.A. like me, go to the Grand Canyon or to Hearst Castle in San Simeon or the Madonna Inn in San Luis Obispo. It's super kitsch, kind of like old David LaChapelle photos.

STEP 3: GET BIG
If you see a sign that says "world's biggest" anything, take that exit and find that attraction immediately, because you ain't never gonna see anything like it again.

STEP 4: COUNT TO FOUR
Four, tops. Travel with no more than four people—two and two. Couples.

How to: ROCK A LUAU IN THREE STEPS BY STEVEN TYLER



STEP 1: DREAM ON
Any good party starts with a vision. You gotta think to yourself, *I'm gonna throw a fuckin' luau.* Then dig a big hole in your backyard and build a giant bonfire in it.

STEP 2: ROCKS
Get a hold of some lava rocks from Hawaii and throw them in your pit. Keep the fire going for three days, and on the last day toss in a pig.

STEP 3: THE HAND THAT FEEDS
After 12 hours, take out a few hot rocks and throw them in a pot with jasmine rice and poi. Then pull out the pig and have at it.

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ALL POINTS WEST MUSIC + ARTS FESTIVAL

DATES: July 31–Aug. 2
LOCATION: Liberty State Park, NJ
ARTISTS: Vampire Weekend, Yeah Yeah Yeahs, Tool

VANS WARPED TOUR

DATES: June 26–Aug. 23
LOCATION: Everywhere
ARTISTS: Fishbone, NOFX, P.O.S.

ASIAN GIRLFRIEND

SUMMER SONIC

DATES: Aug. 7–9
LOCATION: Tokyo and Osaka, Japan
ARTISTS: Linkin Park, My Chemical Romance, Kasabian

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GUERILLA UNION PRESENTS: rock the bells

DATES: July 27–Aug. 9
LOCATION: Everywhere
ARTISTS: Big Boi, Common, RZA

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DATES: July 10–Aug. 15
LOCATION: Everywhere
ARTISTS: Killswitch Engage, Bullet for My Valentine, Cannibal Corpse

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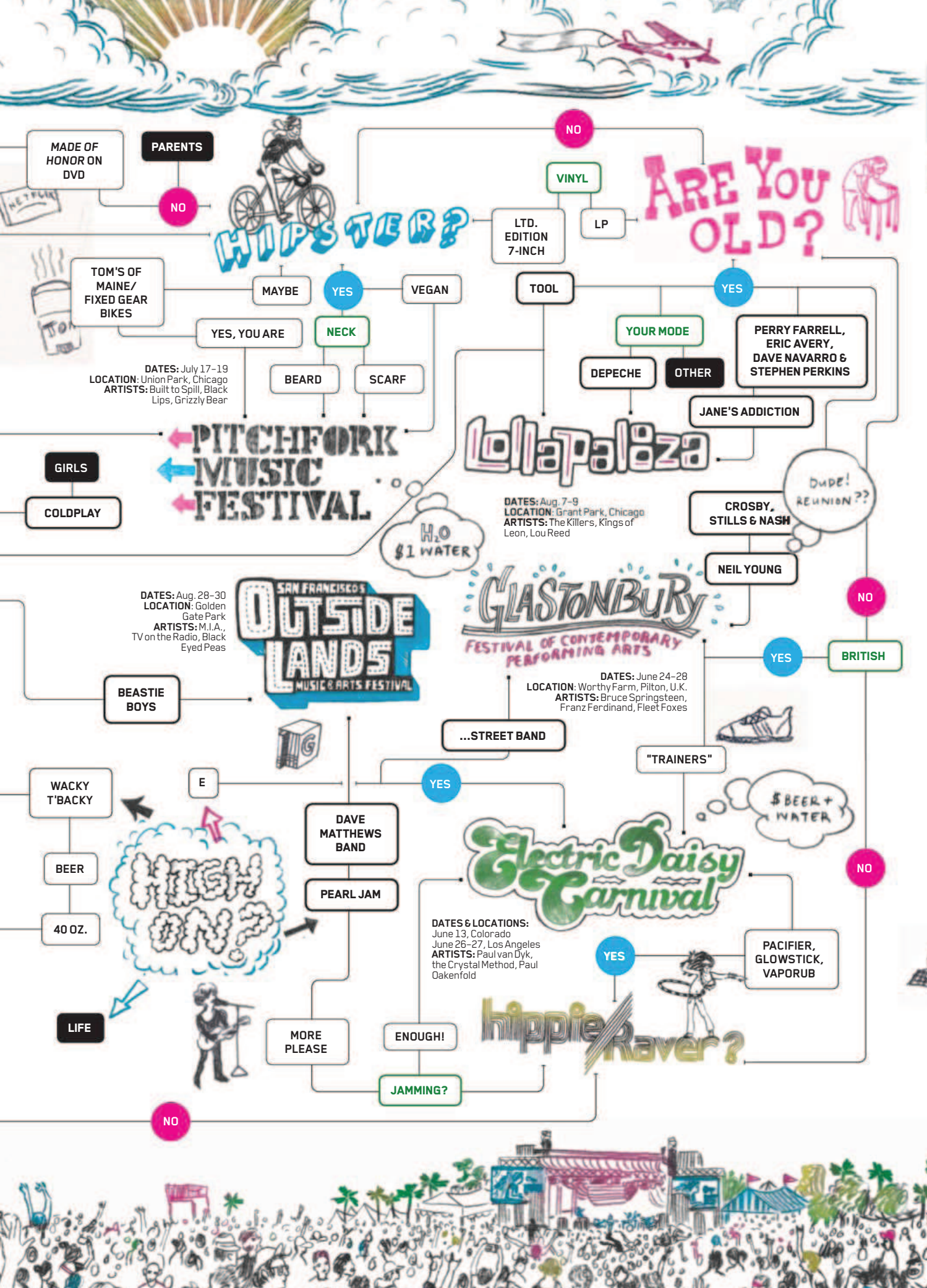
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DATES: July 17–19
LOCATION: Union Park, Chicago
ARTISTS: Built to Spill, Black Lips, Grizzly Bear
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DATES: Aug. 7–9
LOCATION: Grant Park, Chicago
ARTISTS: The Killers, Kings of Leon, Lou Reed
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DATES: Aug. 28–30
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ARTISTS: M.I.A., TV on the Radio, Black Eyed Peas
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DATES: June 24–28
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ARTISTS: Bruce Springsteen, Franz Ferdinand, Fleet Foxes
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SUMMER FIELD GUIDE

Good music, great friends, warm weather, smooth tequila. Do you really need anything else in life? Actually, yeah—insider info on how to make the most of your summer concert adventure.

Glow west, young man

LOS ANGELES After the glow sticks are extinguished and the Bowl empties out, it's time to enjoy a **CAZADORES** Margarita. Instead of dealing with L.A. traffic to find the hottest bar or club, kick back and relax poolside—just steps from your hotel room!

Encore Events

L.A. is famous for, well, famous people. **To roll like an A-lister and maximize your chances of hanging with celebs after the show,** book a room at a hotel with pool parties—many Hollywood boutique hotels host exclusive events almost every night during the summer. As a hotel guest, you won't have to deal with cover charges or doormen.

CAZADORES® Margarita

1 ½ parts Tequila CAZADORES® Reposado
½ part triple sec
½ part fresh lemon juice
½ part fresh lime juice
½ part fresh orange juice
1 part simple syrup

Serve over ice. Garnish with a lime wedge or an orange wedge.

"No 'Stairway'! Denied!"

CHICAGO Grant Park is hosting all your favorite acts this summer, but spending three days in the Chicago heat surrounded by thousands of sweaty people doesn't exactly scream "VIP." Forget about warm beer in a plastic cup, and get ready to toast your buddies with an ice-cold **CAZADORES** Reposado Completo.

Encore Events

Encore performances are usually the best part, but it's hard to enjoy them when you've been standing for 6 hours. **To revel in every last power chord, rent a private cabana.** You'll get a viewing platform with clear sightlines to the best bands—so you can sit back and relax while servers bring you your favorite **CAZADORES** cocktails. Oh, and you also get access to air-conditioned bathrooms, so kiss that port-a-potty goodbye. Actually, please don't.

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1 part Tequila CAZADORES® Reposado
1 part tomato juice
1/2 part orange juice
1/2 part lime juice
3 dashes of hot sauce

Pour Tequila CAZADORES® Reposado into a glass. Shake remaining ingredients with ice and strain into a separate glass. Serve side by side.

NEW YORK The big festival may be across the river, but there's no place like Manhattan when it comes to good eating and even better partying (no offense, New Jersey). Head into the city after the last song and get to know New York like a local.

Encore Events

With thousands of bars in New York City, it's easy to get overwhelmed. A useful tip is to confine your post-concert barhopping to one neighborhood so you don't waste time with transportation. Want to go swanky? Go to the Meatpacking District on the west side. Indie bars more your style? Check out the Lower East Side. If dives are your thing, explore the East Village. And when you find a bartender who makes a great **CAZADORES** Paloma, stay put!

CAZADORES® Paloma

1 part Tequila CAZADORES® Blanco
2 parts grapefruit soda
Splash of lime juice
Splash of club soda

Pour ingredients over ice in a tall, salt-rimmed glass.

Not pictured: the huddled masses

How to:

SCAM YOUR OWN FESTIVAL VIP PACKAGE

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ANY SUN-WORSHIPING CONCERTGOER KNOWS TO USE SUNSCREEN AND DOWN TWO WATERS FOR EVERY DRINK. BUT HERE'S HOW TO USE A CHEAP WALKIE-TALKIE, A TOPLESS GROUPIE, AND OTHER TOOLS TO CHEAT YOUR WAY TO THE ROCKIN'EST TIME EVER. BY TYLER GRAY

1

GUT THE BEER LINES

There is no statistical trick to finding the shortest brew queue. So avoid it altogether with the Beerbelly ($35 at thebeerbelly.com). The fanny-pack-like beverage bladder (disguised as an ample man-gut) holds 80 ounces, saving you about six suds runs. It has a wide mouth for spill-less transfers to plastic cups, too. Tip: Pad it with a freezer pack to keep the beer—and you—cool.

2

WEAR A GROUPIE LIKE A STOLE

The dude under the flashing topless girl is a chump who can't even see the double-Ds he's hoisting, right? Wrong. He's on deck for jilted groupie sex, says Farrah Sinclair, whose midconcert girl-on-girl grind on *Rock of Love Bus* makes her our favorite concert hook-up expert. "Look for a girl having a little too much fun and offer to put her on your shoulders," says Sinclair. When she fails to flash her way backstage, "you're option B." You could seal the deal behind the food vendors or Port-o-Lets or, in the case of Farrah's "friend," between the Dumpsters. "I told her that was trashy."

3

GET AURAL PLEASURE

The VIP area may have a beef stroganoff buffet, but the sound there sucks. "Stand right in front of the stage and back about one and a half times the distance between the left and right speakers," says Paul Thomas, a sound engineer at Bonnaroo, Lollapalooza, and other festivals. "If the speakers are 50 feet apart, stand 75 feet back." It's where the mixing board tent should be but often isn't.

4

WALKIE THE WALK, TALKIE THE TALK

Backstage is VIP Valhalla, rife with free beer and clean bathrooms. But bribery won't get you in, says "Wedge" Branon, who has 25 years' experience as a roadie at Bonnaroo, Lollapalooza, and Coachella. Instead, pass yourself off as a crew guy. "Don't be a kid at Disneyland. Act like you're working and it's another day of hell." Bring a walkie-talkie and bark on it as you breeze past the guard in the folding chair. "No one will ever get up to disturb you," Branon says. Once you're in, don't bogart Depeche Mode's Zima.

5

SUMMON A WHIZ-ARD

Is the levy in your bladder about to burst? Find the kids' area. The bathrooms at the Kidzapalooza stage are usually clean, and, "There's nobody there after 4 P.M.," says Lollapalooza spokeswoman Lisa Hickey. Simpler still, after you've drained your Beerbelly, fill it back up. You don't even have to leave your spot. Everyone's watching Neil Young, not your yutz. Tip: Don't attempt this while crowd-surfing.

6

DON'T BE AN E-M-TEASE

Though it's full of free Gatorade, A/C, and aspirin, the medical tent (usually by the entrance) is not the poor man's VIP lounge. But if you've foolishly blown your last $7 on beer and the thirst, heat, and the sight of Perry Farrell going down on his wife onstage are making you woozy, the Hippocratic oath is on your side. "Get checked out," says Ed Castillo of Southern California Fire & EMS. "Of course we're going to help." You could also dial 911 from your mobile phone in a pinch, Castillo says. Tell 'em to look in the mosh pit for the guy in the fetal position.

LAS VEGAS Now that we've taken care of your music fix, it's time to get that adrenaline pumping with the ultimate throw-down in the Octagon. On Saturday, July 11, the world's premier mixed martial arts athletes will converge on the Las Vegas Strip for UFC 100. It's the perfect excuse to cut loose with your guys!

Encore Events

Going out after the fight will be amazing or awful depending on your planning: Unless you're a *really* high roller, you can't expect to show up with 5 dudes and get in to a club. **Call ahead, reserve a table, and request a bottle of CAZADORES Blanco** for Ultimate Shot Drinks. It's worth it just for the looks on people's faces when you skip the line. Plus, you'll have a designated space to chat up the hotties you meet.

Ultimate Shot Drink

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1/4 part simple syrup

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CHRISTINA MILIAN WITH TWO HIGH-PROFILE FLICKS AND A NEW ALBUM, PROVES SHE CAN BE BOTH A RADIO GODDESS AND A HOLLYWOOD POWER PLAYER AT THE SAME TIME.

BY MARSHALL HEYMAN PHOTOGRAPHS BY NAOMI KALTMAN

CHRISTINA MILIAN KNOWS HOW TO WORK A PAIR OF POMPOMS. A starring role in the latest installment of *Bring It On* marks the third time she'll suit up as a cheerleader. "What can I say?" asks the petite and curvy 27-year-old. "It's the definition of the perfect girl." It's hard to argue with that. The hard-working New Jersey native also appeared opposite Matthew McConaughey in the romantic comedy *Ghosts of Girlfriends Past* this May, and she's currently putting the finishing touches on her fourth album, *Elope*. "This record's lighthearted," she says. "I don't think we should take things too seriously. Let's just have a good-ass time." Christina, we couldn't ass-gree more.

Kanye West is featured on your new record. Are you friends?
We went on tour with Usher for three months in 2004. I was their opening act. The first month and a half nobody really spoke to each other, and then my birthday came around, and I said, "We're partying!" I had a gig in a club in the middle of Jacksonville, Florida, at an old skating rink. It was packed, and we just partied like rock stars. We all became best friends...and we didn't even get to hit up any strip clubs.

Do you go to strip clubs regularly?
Every now and then. I'm for it. Vegas has good ones. I like the Crazy Horse Too. That one's literally crazy. Only thing I don't like about strip clubs is the guys will pay the women to give me lap dances because they want to see them dance for me. The strippers will come over and say, "That guy said he'll give me $100 if I give you a lap dance." I'm like, "Hey, can we at least split the money?"

What are the most lap dances you've had in a night?
At a strip club in Austin. I think I got four, and I didn't pay for any of them.

What was your favorite part of filming *Ghosts of Girlfriends Past*?
I have a fling with Matthew McConaughey! I played a singer-actress, and he was a photographer doing a shoot with me. He's a player, and my character has an encounter with him in his office.

Was that a fun scene to shoot?
Oh, yes. It wasn't a sex scene; it was just pure making out. It was like being a teenager all over again! That lasted a day and a half—the cameras had to get every single angle.

Is McConaughey a good kisser?
Oh, yeah. It was more of a fun kiss, not so intimate. We were just attacking each other.

How do you keep sexy and fit?
I seriously love food, but I exercise. Lots of running and cardio and squats, because I want to keep my booty.

Did your ex Nick Cannon marrying Mariah Carey surprise you?
I didn't fall out of my chair or anything, but I was like, "Really?" I'm happy for them. A stupid blog said I was at Sundance and I turned my back when Nick and Mariah came to say hi to me. Dude, in the first place I wasn't there that day, and I never would have done that. Maybe I wouldn't have walked up to them—I'd just give a nod and keep it moving—but if they had come up to me I would never treat them that way.

You're in the latest *Bring It On* film. Did you use the cheerleader outfit as a turn-on for your boyfriend?
I haven't brought home a cheerleading outfit. Other outfits, yes, like a maid costume: a cute apron with the mitts and a robe, too. It was red. It was really cute. I try a little bit of everything. I'm all about keeping the excitement in the relationship. That's why I sing songs like "Dip It Low." When I'm with somebody, I like to keep it exciting.

Where did you get the maid outfit?
You can make your own! But I found mine at a goth store.

We feel like you should play a really sexy superhero.
That would be a dream come true.

What would be your superpower?
I think it would be great to become invisible. To walk into situations where you're not allowed, just to listen to stuff and do sneaky things. Be bad. Or maybe I'd have the ability to take on other body forms.

Like whose?
Jessica Biel's. She's got an amazing body. She's athletic, and she's just got all the right curves. She's got a great ass and a beautiful face. Biel's really cool. She's a guy's girl.

So you'd want to have Jessica Biel's ass.
Yeah. And I'd take her arms...and she's got a good stomach, too. Come to think of it, I'd take it all. ●

JERSEY GIRLS

CHRISTINA ISN'T THE ONLY FLOWER THAT BLOSSOMED IN THE GARDEN STATE.

ALI LARTER
The *Heroes* star sported a whipped-cream bikini in *Varsity Blues* and recently played a demented temp in *Obsessed*, proving she keeps the dirty in Jersey.

CHRISTINA RICCI
Apparently, growing up in the Jerz gave the former child star enough material to play psychotic hicks in both *Monster* and *Black Snake Moan*.

ASHLEY TISDALE
After starring in the *High School Musical* trilogy, the squeaky-clean starlet has moved on to bigger and better states. Don't look for her at Da Shore!

ASHLEY DUPRÉ
Since bringing down a gov and likely raking in millions in a book deal, it's clear the world's most famous call girl will never pump her own gas again.

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The Machinations Of jesse james

By The Coward Erik Hedegaard

The world's ultimate gearhead has come a long way since his days as a fun-loving criminal with a taste for violence, burglary, and motorcycles. He's lived with Madonna (he was her bodyguard), married a porn star (it didn't end well), and shattered his bones (stage-diving with Rob Zombie). But, through it all, things have worked out well for this all-American outlaw.

NOT A DAY GOES BY THAT JESSE JAMES DOESN'T WELD; IF ONE does, he's unhinged. He needs welding. He owes almost everything to welding. Without welding he would never have become the happiest, wealthiest, coolest, and most famous gearhead ever, tooling around Long Beach, California in a black '54 Chevy with air suspension, sway bars, and a junkyard 307 V-8 in place of the original six. He'd never have been the chief mechanic and hard-nosed host of the Discovery Channel's *Monster Garage* reality TV show from 2002 to 2007, one of the biggest hits in that network's history, or have his new show on Spike TV, *Jesse James Is a Dead Man*, in which he takes a lot of hard knocks and keeps on ticking. He'd never have become the husband of hotsy-totsy Hollywood actress Sandra Bullock (or once been married to a porn star). He's been welding since he was 13. It makes him feel good about himself. It reminds him of where he came from—a broken home, fistfights, hoodlum behavior, some juvenile detention time, Snickers bars for Christmas presents, loser stuff—and where he's not going back.

"Welding validates me," he likes to say. "If I don't do it every day, I feel like I'm cheating myself."

In fact, he's welding right now. This is at the world headquarters of West Coast Choppers, a former paint factory in a mongrel part of Long Beach, three large industrial buildings, customized cars and motorcycles everywhere, with lots of visitors milling around, maybe hoping for a Jesse James autograph. Today, though, he's tucked away inside, welding steel parts for a bike frame. Helmet on, shade down, eyes protected, he feeds filler rods into the intersection of molten puddle and the bright white spark of a tungsten gas-fueled torch.

"I could make $10 million," he says later on, seriously, "and it wouldn't be as fulfilling to me as making a perfect weld. Nothing replaces that feeling. I mean, when the weld is perfect, it's an awesome and beautiful thing. It's soulful."

James is a tall, muscular guy with heavily tattooed arms, a decisive forehead, and watered-back dirty-blond hair. His eyes are blue; you ▸▸

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could probably call them beady. At his workplace, he surrounds himself with skulls, iron crosses, models of Nazi warplanes, various bits of religious iconography. A tool chest sticker reads, FRIENDS HELP FRIENDS MOVE, REAL FRIENDS HELP FRIENDS MOVE BODIES. All of this signifies what the world already knows: that he's a risk-taking bad-boy biker and a real tough, straight-talking dude, which is a large part of his appeal and why he works so well on TV. But it does little to explain how he got here, fabricating motorcycles that go for up to $150,000 a pop, when by all rights, at the age of 40 he should still be doing what he did as a kid, boosting cars and holding up pop stands and turning into what Sandra Bullock first thought he might be, "a bigot who killed people." Instead, during his off hours he's happily at the local pedicurist's or mingling with other celebrities at Bungalow 8. Once a notorious boozer ("I drank like a motherfucker"), he no longer imbibes. That's his life. That's what he's made of it. And he still welds every day, just like always.

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IN THE AFTERNOON HE HANGS UP HIS HELMET AND HEADS OUTSIDE and around the corner for lunch at Cisco Burger, the organic, green-friendly fast food joint he recently opened and named after his dearly departed pit bull. Despite the outlaw reputation, James seems pretty approachable and easygoing, his voice a friendly, low-key drawl. He orders a chicken breast (plain, no bun) and a bowl of fruit and then reaches into his pocket. "If I don't pay," he says, smiling, "I'm just stealing from myself." After that he signs a few autographs and shakes a few hands, then finds himself a table toward the back.

His new show, *Jesse James Is a Dead Man*, is all about our hero preparing for and taking on various kinds of death-defying challenges. Says Sharon Levy, senior VP of programming for Spike TV, "Jesse lives a life that a lot of our audience wishes they could, doing insane things on a daily basis, and that made him the perfect guy for us." A couple of examples: He drives through a minefield. He sets himself on fire. He motorcycles across 125 miles of Arctic ice, risking hypothermia the entire way. "I'm the boss of the show and calling all the shots," he says, "but I've been dealing with these reality TV show producers who think it'd be gnarly to drive a go-cart for eight hours straight. I hate to stomp on their dicks, but that's shit I did when I was 10. I want stuff that's superhard to do and that I couldn't ask my wife for approval on any of it, because that'd be a sure way to get it nixed, like, 'Hey, can I fly a World War II P51 Mustang at 450 miles per hour 40 feet off the ground?' Yeah, right."

Why he wants to do this kind of stuff in the first place, he has a hard time explaining, but it probably has something to do with the situations he faced and survived while growing up. For the most part, James raised himself. His dad was a purveyor of used furniture, his mom a florist for funeral homes; they divorced when he was five. After that he lived a little bit here in Long Beach, some in Compton, Riverside, and Anaheim. He says no one ever made him do his homework, and he can't remember ever eating dinner at home. His meals came at joints like Coco's, Spires, and Sambo's. One time his dad said to him, "You look like a faggot," just because he was wearing a pair of Vans with no socks. His dad had no use for him except as forced labor. "He had me working like a dog," James says. What James hated more than anything was when his dad picked him up at his high school in a truck loaded with old refrigerators. "The kids called us Sanford & Son. They wouldn't say it where I could hear it, because I was big even then and I would fuck them up. But it was really embarrassing." By that time he'd already

James has been at home in the garage ever since taking up welding in a junior high shop class. He sold his first custom bicycle at a flea market for $900.

Heavy Metal Masterpieces

Jesse James on a few of his greatest hits.

1994

The El Diablo Frame
"I made the first El Diablo Frame 15 years ago," says James about this classic chopper. "It is still the baddest frame ever made!"

2005

The Honda "Red Rocket"
"I think they were expecting a chopper," says James of this custom crotch rocket, which he built for the Japanese automaker. "Uh...Sorry!"

2007

Radial Hell
This terrifying "airplane-engined motorcycle" took James three years to fabricate. "One of the more fucked things I have built."

2008

The Airstreamer Sidecar Bike
James designed this gleaming throwback to commemorate Airstream's 75th anniversary. As he notes, "The pics speak for themselves."

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His love of motorcycles saved Jesse James from a life of crime. It's also brought him untold riches, a thriving business empire, hit TV shows, and America's Sweetheart, Sandra Bullock, as his wife.

found welding in shop class and was using his skills to customize bicycles in his father's garage. He'd take a 1940s Schwinn straight-bar bike with big balloon tires, refinish it, add new chrome and pinstripping, then sell it at a local flea market for up to $850. At 15, though, he messed up big time.

"My dad was out of town, and I was down the street at a friend's house drinking beer. All of a sudden, I was like, 'Fuck, I smell something burning,'" James recalls. The source of the smell turned out to be James' garage. "The place was torched. All my bikes and tools got fucked up." When his dad came home, father and son went toe-to-toe, and James moved out, never to return. Soon enough, he had a new family: his football teammates and coaches (he dreamed of a professional career as a linebacker) and a trio of criminal-minded brothers, real bad boys, far badder than he could ever be.

"Those guys really didn't have feelings or a conscience," he says, looking back. "They'd punch an old man on the street with no problem. They were ruthless, more ruthless than I was. I always seemed to have a conscience. I robbed a hamburger stand with a friend and got like $1,200. I felt bad about it, though. I was totally like, 'Fuck, why'd I do that?' And the same with stealing cars. All the stuff I stole, I always felt bad." He goes on, "But I'm not one of those people who whine about their childhood and their parents. My parents were dicks—I realized that when I was eight or nine years old—but I was also a fuckin' total fucker kid. 'Where's Jesse?' 'Oh, he's in jail.' 'Again?'"

During his criminal years, the juvenile court judge he always stood before was a Judge Deisler. Judge Deisler never looked up at James. He'd just say something like, "Oh, Mr. James. I see we didn't make it to our community service on time. Maybe 30 days would help you." Two years ago, upon Judge Deisler's passing, James sent his widow a note, telling her what a difference her husband had made in his life by ensuring that consequences followed his numerous acts of stupidity. "If that guy hadn't been so tough on me," he often wonders, "What would have happened? That I'm in the position I'm in now, and not some tweaked-out junkie, is just dumb luck."

The chicken polished off, the fruit gone, he leans back in his seat, looking around. He seems kind of antsy, like maybe it's time for him to get back to his welding. On the way out he says, "I can't weld with dirty hands. I don't know what that's about. It's like a phobia. Weird, huh?"

ACTUALLY, IN TERMS OF DUMB LUCK, JAMES has had a good bit of it. In 1999, during West Coast Choppers' unknown years, he had to fire an office manager, and while sorting through her mess he came upon an old Post-it note on which she'd written a phone number, a name, and something about filming. It was news to him, but he dialed the number anyway, got Discovery producer Thom Beers on the horn, and soon enough was starring in the Discovery documentaries *Motorcycle Mania* and *Motorcycle Mania 2*, which aired in 2001 and led to the transformation of police cars into donut factories, school buses into pontoon boats, Porsches into golf ball retrievers, and all the rest of the regular *Monster Garage* antics. The show was an immediate hit. "Jesse is one of the brightest, most charismatic individuals I've ever met," says Beers. "But the reason the audience connected with him is because he's completely honest. He's the kind of guy who will tell you exactly what he believes, and he's willing to back it up, either with words or fists."

A couple of years later, in 2003, when Sandra Bullock called West Coast Choppers to ask if this Jesse James dude could give her *Monster Garage*–loving godson a tour of the facilities, James decided, yeah, sure, why not? After the tour he decided he and Bullock should go out on a date. He called her and e-mailed her and was rebuffed at every turn, until finally she gave in, with one condition: that a friend drop her off at the restaurant and pick her up at meal's end. James' response: "I'm going to pick you up like normal people do. And we're going to go in the car."

He'd been married twice before, had two children from his first wife and one from his second, former porn actress Janine Lindemulder. That marriage lasted just four volatile months, and along the way it destroyed whatever connection James had left to his parents. "Ever since the whole Janine thing, everything's gotten kind of weird, family-wise," he says. "It was fragile anyway—I've probably talked to my dad twice in the past 15 years—but that was like throwing a hand grenade in the middle of it. Everyone chose sides." And then came the awkward moment, while going out with Bullock, that he had to explain his ex to her. "I was totally honest and told her everything, and every moment I expected her to get up and run," he says. Her response: "You had your midlife crisis at 25. You got a Ferrari, married a porn star, and went on drinking binges. Then you hit 30 and decided you were over all that."

"With Sandy it was a great old-fashioned courtship," James says. "I used to be like, 'That girl's got the biggest tits, I like her,' but that came back to haunt me. You should have someone who's compatible with you on every level possible and not someone who, when you're 70, all you can say to her is, 'Your boob is untucked.' Sandy and I started realizing how much we have in common. She's an amazing woman and has forced me to change a lot. I've always been such a reactionary person, just going and knocking someone's teeth out. But she's like, 'OK, you can't do that anymore.' I'm not the same person I used to be." He pauses, thinks about it, opens his eyes wider, and says, "Hmm. I haven't beat anybody up in a *while*," like maybe that's a surprise even to him.

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HOW HE LIVES HIS LIFE THESE DAYS IS A MOTOR JUNKIE'S FANTASY come true. Mainly he's in bending, welding, and shaping nirvana. In August he'll probably hop on one of his enduro bikes and barrel off ▸▸

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to Sturgis, South Dakota for the annual bike deal there, taking fire roads all the way instead of highways. At some point he plans on breaking the land speed record of 763 mph driving this giant-silver-bullet, *Buck Rogers*–looking, hydrogen-gas-powered car he's building. Actually, the hydrogen gas is produced by tap water, so really it's a water-powered car. Once the kinks are worked out, he's going to release the technology to the public for free on TV—"It's a billion-dollar technology, and I'm going to give it away for free!"—just because that's the kind of guy he is.

The kind of guy he is, he can use words like *rad* (as in, "When I was nine or 10, the first bicycle I tweaked, I got $900—it was rad!") and *bitchin'* (as in, "I have some nice suits—they're bitchin'!"), and *awesome* (as in, "My first car was a '58 Rambler—and Ramblers are awesome!") without seeming like a total douche. Hollywood wants to transform him into a movie star, but so far he's turned down all offers for one big reason: "Unless the big superhero welder role comes along—'Oh, my God, it's Blowtorch!'—I just can't fucking play pretend." He can bench-press 350 pounds. He's never done any kind of drug. He took his last drink—"It was probably a combination of Absolut cranberry, shots of Southern Comfort, mixed in with some Coors Light"—nine years ago, when he was 30. Some people think he's an asshole: "Actually, lots of people think I'm an asshole, but I think it's because I don't talk a lot. I'm a shy person around people I don't know, and I get really quiet. Because of that people think I'm a dick."

Someday James wants to try his hand at a Sunday morning how-to show along the lines of *New Yankee Workshop,* only for metalwork. "It won't be smoke and fire and the wrestling voice and all that shit," he says, "but it'll still be funny and dumb." Meanwhile, he's reading inspirational business books such as *Good to Great* and *Small Giants* and wondering if he should bid on this Cold War civil defense truck he found on eBay. He doesn't need it. He doesn't know what he'd do with it. But as he likes to say, "I'm a geek on that shit, so fuck, I'm going to get it."

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AT THE END OF HIS WORKING DAY, JAMES PICKS UP HIS KIDS AT soccer practice, drops them off at his beachfront home, then ambles over to Captain Jack's to grab some chow. On the way he talks about what he did in the years following the knee injury that killed his football dreams. First he went to bodyguard school, then he went on the road as security for bands like Soundgarden, Danzig, White Zombie, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers ("Flea and Anthony were cool, but Chad, he's kind of a dumb-ass"). At one point he was posted to the security force that protects Madonna. "Although I didn't have much contact with her, I lived at her house," he recalls. "This was when she was going through her divorce with Sean Penn, and he was threatening her and stuff."

This line of work lasted until 1991, when he dislocated an elbow after falling from the stage during a Danzig–White Zombie show in Detroit. All press reports since then suggest he was injured in the line of duty, another example of James' heroic nature. White Zombie's Rob Zombie, however, remembers the incident a little differently.

"Jesse comes up to me and says, 'Oh, man, this is the last night of the tour. I want to stage-dive,'" recalls Zombie. "I was like, 'OK, that'd be cool.' But I don't think he'd ever done it before. So he runs out, launches himself off the monitors, like so high up in the air it looked like 20 feet, and the whole crowd parted like the Red Sea. Man, he hit that fucking floor like a rock. I could hear it over the music. It wasn't funny at all. I still feel bad about it. It shattered the bones in his arm. I mean, he really fucked himself up."

Next up? The land speed record in a car he's building: "It's a billion-dollar technology, and I'm going to give it away for free."

In the aftermath, James decided maybe he ought to go full-time into what he'd been doing all along on the side, fabricating sculptural exhaust pipes and vanishing-point long front forks. That was in 1993. For the next seven years, he built a reputation for making bikes that *The New York Times* once called "jaunty and elegant without being gaudy." Says James, "I like a bike that doesn't look like there's enough parts there to make it run, but it looks kind of scary and like it'll go really fast. I like bikes that people are afraid of." He got his first celebrity client, Shaquille O'Neal, in 2001. Next thing you know he's got a line of clothes in Walmart, publishes his own hot rod magazine, *Garage,* and has been named one of *People*'s sexiest men alive.

Inside the restaurant, he orders a quesadilla and after the waitress leaves says, "Seven years ago I got kicked out of this place. It's the last place I ever drank, too." Silent for a moment, the most famous gearhead of all time soon returns to pondering his West Coast Choppers empire. He's got some questions about it as regards the fate of the Earth. "Is my way of life about to become extinct soon?" he asks out loud. "Am I doing a disservice to society by burning tons of fossil fuel for no fucking reason at all? It's so self-indulgent. It's why other countries hate us. We take our vehicles and waste gas. I mean, I've based my business on my outlaw image and all that bullshit, but mainly it's based on something that's a non-necessity. It's got me thinking. It's the first time in my life I'm not saying, 'Fuck the world.' I mean, these people driving Priuses, how about they simply don't drive? Sandy sold her Porsche, and she goes, 'I need to get a Prius or something like that,' and I'm like, 'How about you don't get another car? I have plenty of cars you can drive. How would that be for a statement?' So now she drives a cool '79 Toyota FJ55 Land Cruiser I did for her." Now he's thinking about his wife.

"She can heliarc-weld aluminum already. I taught her to machine, too. She machined my wedding ring for me out of a piece of barstock. It was cool." Now he's thinking about what it's like going to Hollywood parties with his wife. "I like being with her, but that stuff is just really bizarre and weird. It's kind of bullshit. A tiny little bit of it goes a long way. A lot of actors spend their whole lives trying to be someone else, trying to fit in and be a person everybody likes." Now he's thinking about himself. "Me, I'm just a welder," he says. "I just try to be like me." ●

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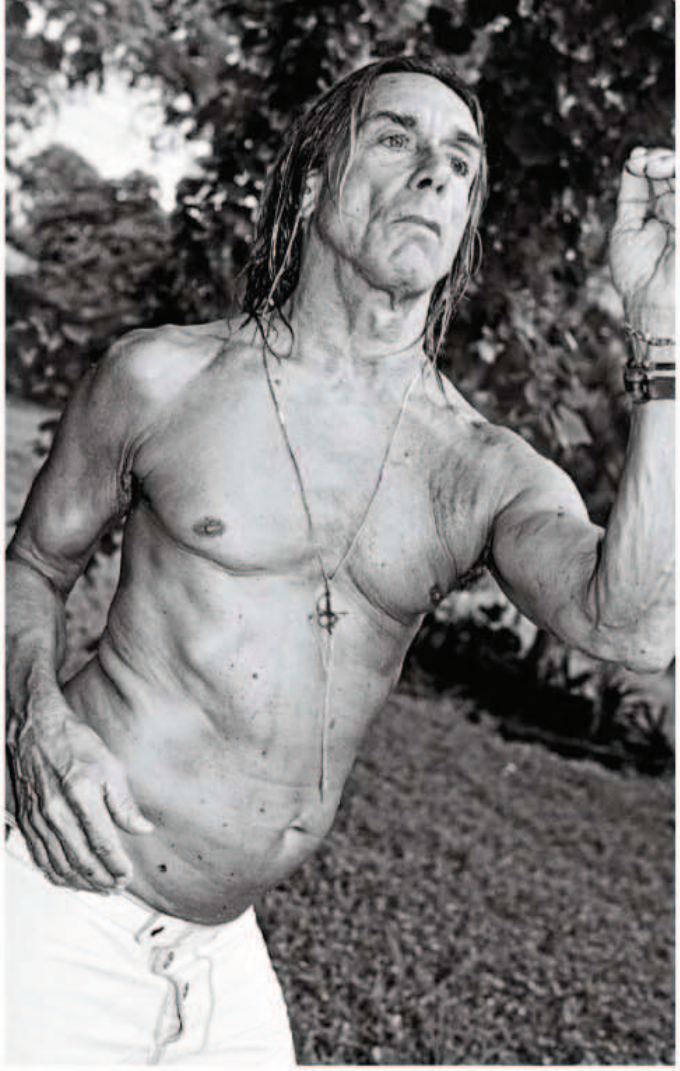
NO ONE THOUGHT IGGY POP WOULD LIVE TO SEE 30, LET ALONE 60, BUT THE GODFATHER OF PUNK IS ALIVE AND WELL IN...MIAMI. WELCOME TO HIS WEIRD WORLD. BY ROB SHEFFIELD / PHOTOGRAPHS BY KENNETH CAPPELLO / STYLING BY WILLIAM BUCKLEY



"I GOT CLOSER TO NORMAL, AND THE WORLD GOT IGGIER."

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THE ORIGINAL WILD MAN OF PUNK ROCK,

Iggy Pop made his name as a half-naked thug rolling on broken glass onstage and yowling sex rants like "Lust for Life" and "I Wanna Be Your Dog." Four decades ago, with the Stooges, he defined the brutal aggression of Detroit punk, so Miami is not exactly the place you picture him; but this is the city he has come to call home. "It's a town for bums. This is really the edge of America, the rim of the cup," Iggy says fondly. "I could come down here and think for myself. People here, they see a guy with long hair and a decent car and they just stay the fuck away."

At 62, Iggy remains an oddity of nature: He has the lean, muscular physique of the young studs on the beach, a face more weathered than their grandmas on the shuffleboard court, and a central nervous system that's taken more abuse than the Gulf Coast in hurricane season. In June he releases his 15th studio album, *Preliminaires,* an excellent collection of jazzy numbers. Yes, the maniac who used to smear his chest with peanut butter now croons suave ballads like "King of the Dogs." It's hard to say which is weirder—the fact that Iggy has become a respectable rock legend or the fact that he's lived long enough to see it. "I guess me and society kind of met halfway," he says with a Michigan chuckle. "I got closer to normal, and the world got Iggier."

Pop-Eyed World

To make *Preliminaires,* Iggy holed up in his man-cave. "The clubhouse is kind of my installation piece of a typical Michigan band house," he laughs. "Except there's just room for me. I have a couple of guitars there, amps, a toy drum kit, so I can write songs without a producer or a band sniffing around. Once you become a man of age and wealth, then you've got all your bullshit to drag around—you don't have room for anyone else's. So I got my own little urban jungle going on."

The clubhouse is deep in the 'hood, on the edge of Miami's Little Haiti district, miles away from his McMansion in the burbs. It's a one-room bungalow packed with Haitian art and Stooges memorabilia, with antique Persian rugs and cushions all over the floor. A busty blue woman with a gigantic Afro sits in the corner—a shock at first, until you realize she's a mannequin. At the back there's a garden with thick vines and Greek sculptures. Says Iggy, "I got the estate with my wife and dogs and cats and pool and tikis. I go home to work on my normality bit, but the clubhouse, that's where I go to be me. Artists need a place like that, because we're dangerous people. In my case, that's a great excuse for my twisted personality—hey, I'm artistic, that's why I'm such an asshole!"

On the Jukebox

Iggy Central is a music geek's dream playground—crank it up as loud as you want. These days the man blasts everything from Lil Wayne and Aphex Twin to dance hall reggae and young punk bands like No Age. ("They're really fuckin' strong.") Still, longtime fans might be stunned to learn how much he worships Sinatra's 1950s bel canto albums, such as *Only the Lonely.* "That's one of my all-time favorite records," Iggy says. "Louis Armstrong and Frank Sinatra, that's what I listen to for pleasure. If I put on MGMT, I'm impressed, but that's work, motherfucker!"

Even after 40 years of making music, he's never stopped playing records by tough old bluesmen like Junior Kimbrough. "My favorite artists of the past 20 years are black, impoverished, over 60, with an average of 25 kids. When the spaceship finally comes down and Will Smith isn't there to protect you and the human race is over and the aliens start picking through our records to see which one to keep, guess what, motherfucker? It's gonna be a Junior Kimbrough record. It's not gonna be Beyoncé."

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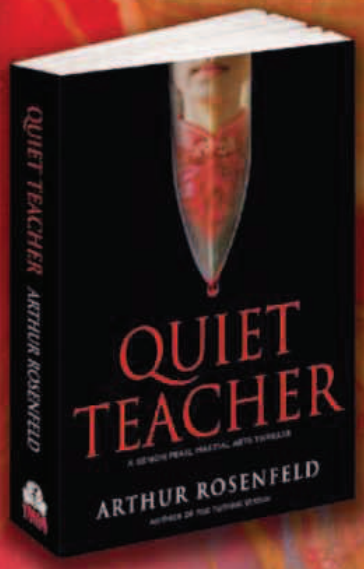

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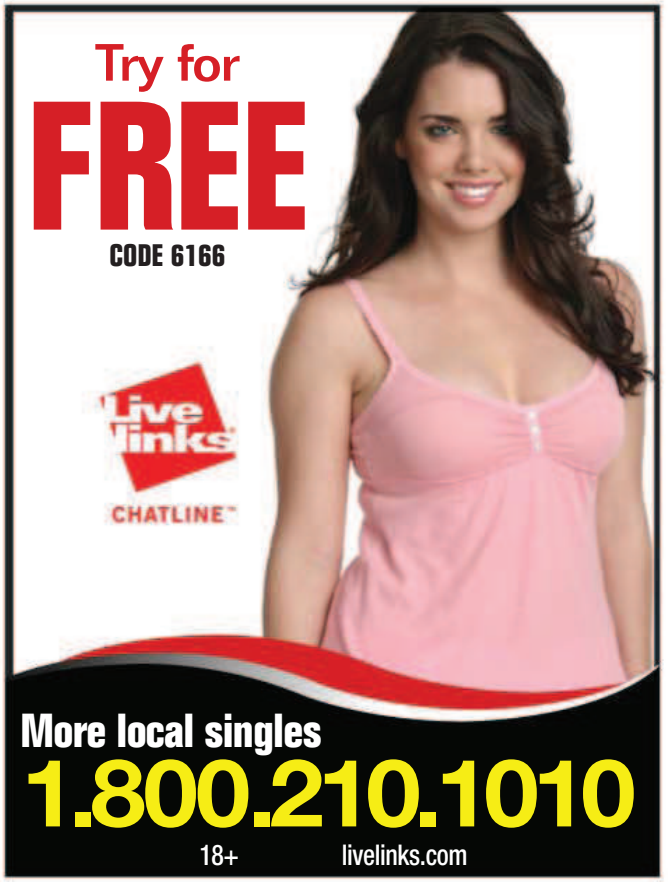

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A. Masturbating in the kitchen for a change of pace.
B. A magical place where bottled water somehow costs $18.50.
C. Readily available Vicodin quesadillas.
D. An Australian girl with grotesquely stretched earlobes and a TOOL tattoo.

A B C D

no

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At the end of the day, you'd like to kick back, chill out, and sip...
A. Some rum drink with "hand job" in the name.
B. A cocktail with both dead and living bugs in it.
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A B C

True or false: You're capable of listening to a hippie yammer on about his "rad steam punk constructions" without murdering said hippie.

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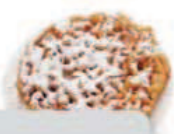

What's your idea of a good time?
A. Finding time to finally explore my town's many mall kiosks.
B. A drunk, naked Dutch guy asking to tap into my four-way.
C. Anything that makes me throw up funnel cake in my mouth.

A B C

Biggest obstacle to vacation sex:
A. Someone made a mess on the diaper-changing table in the unisex comfort station.
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C. You've been kidnapped.

A B C

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